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#### Road Builders' Issue

Flood Damage to New England Highways and Bridges

Flood Repair Work on Arkansas Highways

Tractor-Operated Equipment for Heavy Grading Job

Sheet Asphalt Floors for Five-Story Industrial Building

> Step-by-Step Methods: Setting Road Forms

Cantilever Highway Bridge

Hauling What the Shovel Digs

Road Maintenance in Utah

Home-Made Tools for the Concrete Paving Contractor

Front Cower Heavy Grading on Approach Roadways to Carquinez Straits Bridge, California

Pacific Avenue, important thoroughfare of Dallas, Texas, is paved with TEXACO Asphalt,





Main Street. Dallas, Texas, showing TEXACO Asphalt pavement.



The Viaduct, linking Dallas and Oak Cliff, which carries a continuous stream of traffic, is TEXACO-paved.

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\_and this!

#### 2 OUT OF 3 CITIES

(East of the Rockies)
with population of 25,000 and
over have pavements
of TEXACO

Don't miss the Road Builders' Convention and Road Show

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9th-13th, 1928

The latest developments in road construction, maintenance and operation will be discussed.

The most modern types of road machinery and materials will be on exhibit.

In constructing pavements of TEXACO Asphalt, Dallas, Texas, did not choose its light traffic, secondary streets on which to lay them. This progressive city's heaviest traffic is being served by durable, waterproof TEXACO.

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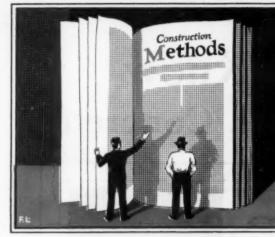
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### What's Doing This Month

Looking it over with the Editor

OAD BUILDERS from every state are heading for Cleveland this month for the annual convention and show of the American Road Builders' Association, Jan. 9-13. With highway topics uppermost right now in the minds of engineers and contractors, Construction Methods launches its first number of the New Year as a Road Builders' Issue. It's full of information on grading operations, concrete roads, bituminous construction, brick paving, haulage equipment, highway bridges, maintenance methods, equipment, and tools. Look it

. . . We're starting the year by stepping out with new features in this issue—a fresh type dress, pictures that give more details about jobs, several new departments. Tell us how you like them.



CLOSE-UPS: Every real construction man is a crank on details. He's interested, of course, in the general lay-



out of the job, but he likes, also, to study methods and equipment at close that save time or cut costs. For these men we start with this issue a monthly department, "Getting Down to Details." there for your own work, or you may have an idea to contribute in the form of a good, close-up photo of one of your

P.S .- There's a ten-dollar bill for the man who submits the best close-up each month. -

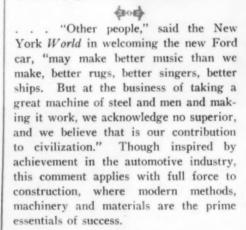
. . . In his latest annual report Secretary of Commerce Hoover says: "Wages in the United States remain higher than anywhere else in the world, or in any time of the world's history." In the construction industry it's more



than a coincidence that wages start upward when field men begin to pull more levers and lug fewer loads.

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. . . JOB GUIDE: If the work where you are located is closing down, or if you are looking for an opening in or if you are looking for an opening in new territory, you will be interested in the whereabouts of the new jobs open-ing up. "WHO'S GETTING THE BIG CONTRACTS?" appears for the first time on page 13 of this number.



400 . . . Construction plant, bought solely on the basis of price, is like the hair of a too chemically vivid blonde. Upkeep and main-



tenance costs are high, and depreciation is staggering. It's wearing qualities that count.

IOB ODDITIES: Here's another feature that makes its bow this month. Did you know that the con-struction industry has taken a leaf from the book of the sweet girl graduate at Vassar College? See construction's own "Daisy Chain" on page 35.

The Editor is on lookout for snap-

shots of job oddities. Anything odd on

your work?

South? It's the mule's swan-song—the "Missouri mocking bird" rendering Tosti's "Goodbye," For southern control Hear that doleful sound from the bye." For southern contractors, rushing to patch the Mississippi levees, are starting to use tractors instead of mules, and soon it will be "taps" for Maud. Read about her passing in the story on pages 26-27. Requiescat in pace! hod

. . Recent floods in New England have raised havoc with highways and



bridges. Three pages of pictures this month tell what happened.

There's a man-sized repair job ahead for highway builders in the flood damaged areas of New England and also the Mississippi Valley. How Arkansas is handling it is shown in the series of pictures beginning on page 40.

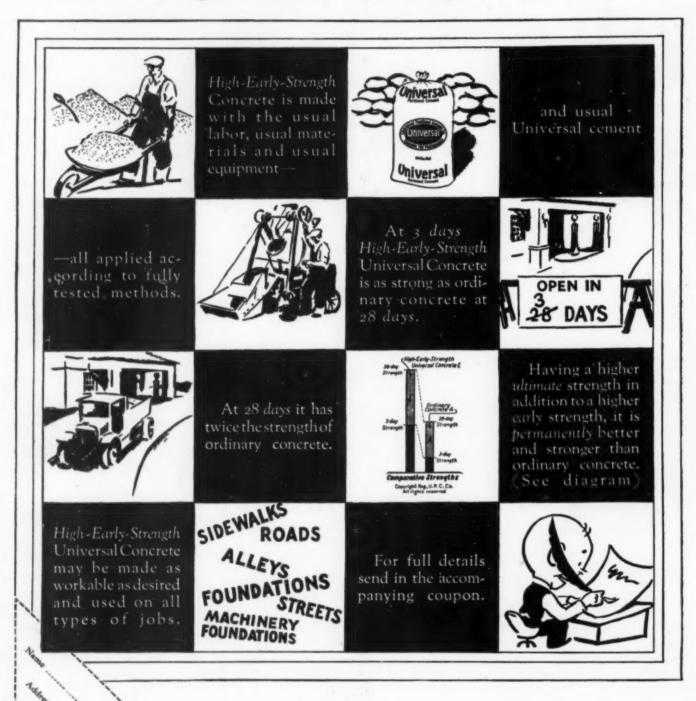


. FRONT COVER: In the April issue we showed how the center span of the Carquinez Straits bridge in California was raised into place. This month's front cover photograph records another step in that project - heavy grading on the roadway approaches with Caterpillar tractors, power shovels and

TEXT MONTH: Building a sewer with ready-mixed concrete; dismantling a wooden flume with a dragline; special form problems on a large covered concrete reservoir.

Watch for the February issue!

## Facts You Should Know about High-Early-Strength Concrete



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HIGHWAY structures—roadways, bridges and culverts—suffered heavy damage in November from the greatest flood that ever swept over the New England states. In the valleys of the Connecticut and Merrimac Rivers and their tributaries to the north, the

Where the sweep of the great

New England FLOOD

took toll of the highways and bridges of

New Hampshire

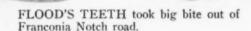
Photos from F. A. Gardner, assistant engineer, through courtesy of F. E. Everett, commissioner, State Highway Department

Additional Flood Pictures on pages 6 and 7 rising waters took a particularly heavy toll, demolishing at hundreds of places the work of the road builder and the bridge builder.

What happened in one state— New Hampshire—is indicated in the accompanying pictures and those on pages 6 and 7. The

(Continued on page 6)

ABUTMENT WASHOUT wrecked Deep Hole bridge at Crawford Notch.





TEMPORARY CRIBBING replaced highway bridge destroyed at Bath.

FLOOD WATERS swept Peabody River bridge from piers at Gorham.



### This Month's "Construction



nternational

LAUNCHING A NEW IDEA in adapting steel skyscraper construction to the building of small six-room houses at Forest Hills, N. Y. Robert Tappan, architect responsible for the new design, watches Miss Frieda Mierse smash the christening bottle on a column of the first completed steel frame put together in three hours with bolts instead of rivets.

BEGIN TO SET STEEL on approach to one of the two highway toll bridges over the Arthur Kill between Staten Island, N. Y., and New Jersey. Deck plate girders (below), on concrete piers ranging in height up to 130 ft., lead to main cantilever truss spans. The Port of New York Authority is directing the construction.





OInternational

NEARING COMPLETION after two years' work. Pacoima Canyon dam near San Fernando, Calif., 385 ft. high and 600 ft. long. Los Angeles County flood control project. Contractors, Bent Bros., of Los Angeles.

A NEW TOOTH in Chicago's sky-line. Forty-two story Mather Tower, rising 521 ft. above Wacker Drive, completed by W. A. Illsley, general contractor. Earlier progress picture in September issue.

News Reel"

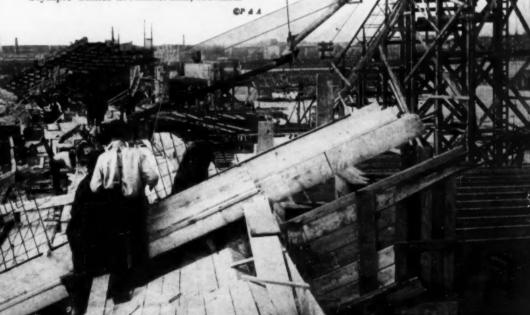
OPEN TO TRAFFIC! For first time on Nov. 12, the twin-tube Holland Tunnel carried automobiles and motor trucks underneath the Hudson River between New York and Jersey City. Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York and Gov. Harry Moore of New Jersey (right) watch little Ann Egner snip the ribbon that unleashed public traffic. Each tube has a 20-ft. granite paved roadway (below). Elaborate lighting and ventilating systems are features of the \$48,000.



CDTTING

CInternational

SETTING THE STAGE (below) for the world's biggest athletic event. Modern methods and equipment help Dutch engineers and contractors speed work on concrete stadium for the 1928 Olympic Games at Amsterdam, Holland.



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ARMY EQUIP-MENT (below), provided e mergency river crossing at Burlington, Vt., in form of pontoon bridge. NORTH WALPOLE, N. H., after the Connecticut River had finished its rampage. (Left.)

In the Wake of the

New England

(Continued from page 3)

path of destruction extended all the way from the Franconia Notch, to the north, down through the state capital at Concord, in the south, where the New Hampshire Highway Commission has its headquarters.

The principal damage to highways consisted in loss of surfacing and em-

FLOOD SCARS on bridge approach at Gorham, N. H.

STATE HIGHWAY GARAGE floors at Concord, N. H., were flooded to a depth of 2 ft.

CLEARING AWAY flood-wrecked bridges on Connecticut River at Bellows Falls, Vt. Locomotive crane helps remove the debris.



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SCOUR by the flood waters at Beckett, Mass., demolished concrete highway bridge approaches. (Left.)

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## Flood

bankment by scour or burial under many feet of sand mud and gravel deposited by the flood torrents.

In the neighboring state of Vermont the state highway department, after a careful check, reported the loss of 930 bridges, of which 105 were on federal-aid highways, 203 on state-aid roads and 538 on town roads.

TEMPORARY structure replaces highway bridge washed out at Bethlehem, N. H. (Below.)



CULVERT washout near Hanover, N. H. Temporary log and plank bridge carries traffic. (Above.)



WHERE FLOOD scoured out roadway leading to Williston-Richmond, (Vt.) covered bridge.



TYPICAL CULVERT WASHOUT at Lisbon, N. H. Emergency log bridge in background.

## TRACTOR-OPERATED

#### Speeds Heavy Grading on

BEFORE completing a highway paving job in southern Illinois last summer, the Madison Construction Company obtained a new contract for grading and paving 15 miles of road between Edwardsville and Bunker

THIS TRIO was responsible for putting the job through. (Left to right) Raymond Bailey, inspector; R. B. Dunlap, superintendent, and Arthur Woods,

general foreman.

Hill, Ill. This meant moving the outfit 200 miles to the new work, which was started Aug. 31.

The contractor decided to use two locations for the material-handling plant serving the new 15-mile contract. On the south end there were several possible locations, but at the north end only one site was available. Bunker Hill, served by the Big Four Railroad, was the only receiving point for concrete materials on this section of the highway.

"Let's finish the north end of the job this fall," said R. B. Dunlap, superintendent for the contractor, "and move the plant to its second location in time for an early start in the spring." Two Johnson bins and batchers served by an Orton crane and grab-bucket accordingly were erected at Bunker Hill, and grading and paving started 6.6 miles south of town, working back toward the plant.

FOR the heavy grading, involving approximately 5,000 cu.yd. of excavation to the mile, J. C. Kelly, Dallas, Tex., subcontractor for this work, used a Stroud elevating grader, pulled by a 10-ton Caterpillar tractor, 20 dumpwagons with three-mule teams and 30 4-ft. Western fresnos.

On the fine grade two 8-ft. Adams

On the fine grade two 8-ft. Adams blade graders and a Lakewood subgrader were used with a 5-ton tractor.



SUBCONTRACTOR J. C. KELLY'S 100 head of mules had to step lively to keep up with the tractor-hauled elevating grader.

## EQUIPMENT

Contractor uses two locations for material-handling plant on 15-mile concrete paving job

Illinois Highway

A 5-ft. tumble-bug fresno scraper with a speedy 2-ton tractor made quick work of slicing off the high spots. With a Carr formgrader the foreman had an easy time setting his forms accurately to grade a long distance ahead of the mixer.

The pavement is 18 ft. wide with the standard Illinois 9:7:9-in. cross-section. Fifteen two-batch Hug trucks were used most of the time to serve the 27-cu.ft. Foote mixer, although light one-batch Chevrolet trucks were sometimes employed. The maximum haul was a little less than 8 miles.

A subgrade planer attached to the mixer, as shown in one of the photographs, was one of the most interesting pieces of equipment on the job. By moving the handle up or down, the level of the planer may be adjusted to suit the hardness of the ground. In hard ground the planer must be set higher than in soft ground; otherwise, it will





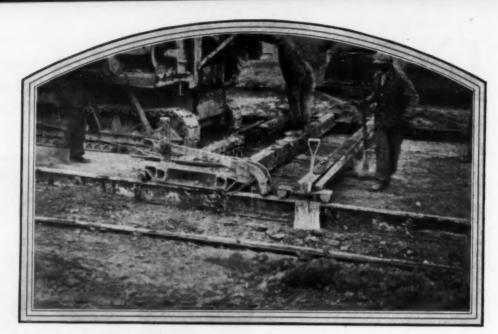
WHAT AN APPETITE that power skip on the 1-yd. paving mixer had! It kept a fleet of two-batch trucks busy pouring the dry mix down its great wide gullet.

scour out the subgrade to too great a depth. The scratch board, fastened by chains behind the planer, is required by specifications. It clears the specified subgrade by \( \frac{1}{4} \) in.

THE concrete was finished by an Ord surfacing machine, a 15-ft. float equipped with plow handles, and a Lakewood belter. Two men on bridges handled the long float, starting at the center line and working off the surface water to the edge of the road. Calcium chloride was used for curing.

R. B. Dunlap was superintendent for the Madison Construction Company, Edwardsville, Ill. He was assisted by Arthur Woods, general foreman. The

Arthur Woods, general foreman. The resident engineer, in charge for the Illinois Division of Highways, was P. M. Perkins.



ADJUSTABLE! By moving handle up or down, this job-made subgrade planer may be set to work at proper depth.



PUTTING ON THE FINISHING TOUCHES with a mechanical surfacer and a 15-ft. float equipped with plow handles.

FOR CURING the finished surface the contractor applied calcium chloride from a two-wheeled distributing cart.

STREET PAVING GANG and equipment were later transferred to floor surfacing job in industrial building.



## Pave Building Floors

Like Streets with

## Sheet Asphalt

POR surfacing with sheet asphalt the floors and basement of the new five-story shipping building of the Kohler Company, of Kohler, Wis., J. Rasmussen & Sons Company, contractor, of Oshkosh, Wis., used the same methods, equipment and construction crew as were employed on paving village streets. The shipping building is 300 ft. long and 100 ft. wide and required for its floor surfacing a total of 20,000 sq.yd. of sheet asphalt.

An asphalt plant prepared a Texaco



HOT STUFF is being dumped from light trucks for spreading and raking. Three-wheel roller stands by to compact surface. Rope joint in foreground.



SPREADING AND RAKING mixture for initial compression by light 3½-ton three-wheel roller. Heavier tandem roller in foreground finishes up the job.

mixture in the usual way, except that rather hard asphaltic cement was used, and the toughness of the mixture was further increased by incorporating in every batch a certain amount of Celite. The same dump trucks used in outside street construction conveyed the hot mixture from the plant to the floors where it was spread, raked and rolled, as shown in the accompanying photograph. Because of its toughness the mixture had to be rolled as quickly

#### Next Month .

Contractors usually operate their own concrete-mixing plants. Some recent jobs, however, have been supplied with

#### Ready-Mixed Concrete

Next month's issue will tell how concrete for a large sewer in St. Louis was handled in this way. as possible after raking to obtain the proper consolidation. The roller operator had to develop a special technique in weaving in and out around columns, except on the top floor.

For the Kohler Company and the village of the same name, the Jerry Donohue Engineering Company of

For the Kohler Company and the village of the same name, the Jerry Donohue Engineering Company of Sheboygan, Wis., handled all engineering work. The Chicago Paving Laboratory developed the special mixture and supervised the laying of the asphalt floors in the shipping building.



HOW THE ASPHALT-SURFACED floor looks. Dodging columns on lower floors presented to the roller operators a problem not encountered in laying sheet asphalt for streets.

## Who's Getting the BIG CONTRACTS?

A Monthly Guide to Where the Construction Dollar is Being Spent

Pacific Coast

Washington
Highways:
Hendricks & Olson, Chehalis,
Wash., \$106,413
Echo Dam, Utah
Earthwork: \$1,125 027
A. Guthrie & Co., Sherlock
Bldg., Portland, Ore.
Pasadena, Calif.
Bank and Office: \$1000,000
J. V. McNeil Co., 5860 Avalon Blyd., Los Angeles
Burbank, Calif.
Studio: \$1,000,000
J. H. Woodworth & Sons, 200
E. Colorado St., Pasadena
Los Angeles, Calif.
Hospital: \$450,000
W. D. Lee, 704 Textile Center
Bldg.
Sewer: \$237,682

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Sewer: \$237,682
Frederickson & Watson, 354
Hobart St., Oakland, Calif.
San Diego, Calif.
Paving: \$264,465
United Concrete Pipe & Constr. Co., 675 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Los Angeles
San Francisco, Calif.
Mercantile: \$700,000
Macdonald & Kahn, Financial Center Bldg.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Grading and paving: \$513,975
Fleming Constr. Co., 105 N.
Park Ave., Pomona, Calif.
Curtis Paving Co., 2440 E.
26th St., Los Angeles
Oregon and Idaho
Raliroad: 24 ml., \$345,312
General Constr. Co., Seattle,
Wash.
Santa Monica, Calif.
Paving: \$211,390
Kneen Paving Co., Dudley
Block

West of Mississippi

St. Louis, Mo. Candy factory: \$ Gamble Constr. Chestnut St. \$1,000,000

Iowa
Highways:
Union Constr. Co., \$1,178,254
New York St., Des Moines
A. F. Johnson Constr. Co.,
\$556,970, Minneapolis, Minn.
Harrison Eng. & Constr. Co.,
\$537,347, Mutual Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Montana and North Dakota Water Softening Plants: Water \$300,000 J. Dunigan, 1012 Builders' xchange Bldg., St. Paul,

San Antonio, Tex.
Power plants: \$2,000,000
Sumner Sollitt Co., Nat'l
Bank of Commerce Bldg.

Minnesota
Highways: \$792,884
C. F. Sculley Equipment Co.,
212 Dakota Bldg., St. Paul

Arkansas Highways: \$652,956 W. J. Runyon Paving Co., Sheffield, Ark.

Sheffield, Ark.
Oklahoma
Highways:
Ward-Beekman & Brooks,
\$84,667, 1801 E. 9th St., Oklahoma City
Marshalltown, Ia.
Hotel: \$500,000
H. L. Stevens & Co., 30 North
Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Tulsa, Okla.
Office: \$470,000
Shallenberger Constr. Co.,
1631 E. 6th St.
Texas, New Mexico and
Colorado

Texas, New Market Colorade
Gas pipe line: \$16,000,000
Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc.,
115 Broadway, N. Y. C.
Pipe laying relet to:
Oklahoma Contg. Co., Dallas,

Texas Williams Bros. Inc., Midco Bldg., Tulsa, Okla.

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The MAN and the JOB

ON THIS PAGE Construction Methods presents a new fea-ture intended to give the field men of construction and in-dustry a picture of the high-spot jobs for which important contracts have recently been let and their distribution by

territories.

If the work where you are located is closing down, if you are looking for an opening with a contractor in new territory, the information on this page may be of help to you in indicating where construction is active.

The contracts listed herewith are, of course, only a few of the total number recently let. You may wish to ask about others. If so, address your inquiries to:

The Editor, Construction Methods, Tenth Ave. at 36th St., New York

Middle West

Chicago, 111,
Sewers: \$1,864,720
Underground Constr. Co., 130
North Wells St.
Aquarium: \$3,000,000
R. C. Wieboldt Co., 1534
West Van Buren St.
Coke ovens, etc.: \$3,000,000
H. Koppers Co., Union Trust
Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Apartment: \$2,000,000
Reliance Co., 11 South La
Salle St.
Soap factory: \$1,000,000
Avery Brundage, 110 South
Dearborn St.

Akron, Ohio
Country club: \$500,000
American Park Builders, 201
E. Ontario St., Chicago
Detroit, Mich.
fotor factory: 4 stories, 60 x dotor factory: 4 stored to ft. W. E. Wood Co., 1806 Ford

kldg.
Mikouri
Railroad: \$3,000,000
Wark by day labor
Cleveland, Ohio
Bridg: \$250,000.
D. Lowensohn Constr. Co.
8810 Woodland Ave.

South

Illinois
Highways:
W. A. Black Co., \$395,799,
565 West Washington Blvd.,
Chicago
Harrison Eng. & Constr. Co.,
\$277,491, Mutual Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Cleveland, O.
Theatre: \$750,000
Julius Miller Cq., 10819 Drexel
Ave.

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Toledo, O.
Theatre: \$1,500,000
Lundoff-Bicknell Co., B. F.
Keith Bldg., Cleveland
Dayton, O.
Sewage Disposal plant: \$677,928
E. E. Latham, 447 Neilston,
Columbus

Rockford, Ill.
Hotel: \$1,000,000
Ericcson & Benson, 123 W.
Madison St., Chicago
Waukegan, Ill.
Nurses home: \$1,000,000
H. Schmidt & Son, 14-16 Burleigh St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Detroit, Mich.
Office building: \$8,000,000
W. E. Wood Co., 1805 Ford
Bidg.
Pontiae, Mich.
Auto factory: \$2,000,000
W. E. Wood Co. (foundation), 1805 Ford Bldg., Detroit
Otto Misch Co. (superstructure), 159 E. Columbla St.,
Detroit, Mich. ture), Detroit

Detroit, Mich. Club House: \$2,000,000 C. S. Barry Co., 2631 Wood-ward Ave.

Yorktown, Va.
Bridge: \$1,250,000-\$1,500,000
Winston Bros. Co. and H. H.
Wilson, Harrisburg, Pa.
Happy Valley, Tenn.
Factory: \$37,500,000
McClintic - Marshall Co., 50
Church St., N. Y. C.
Hughes-Foulkrod Co., Commonwealth Bldg., Phila., Pa.
Tampa, Fla.
Power plant: \$5,000,000
Stone & Webster, Inc., 147
Milk St., Boston, Mass.
Louisiana

ouisiana

Highways:
J. W. McKeithen, Grayson,
\$135,955
J. P. Herbert, Breaux Bridge,
\$111,489

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Trussville, Ala.
Paving: \$100,000
J. Gwin, Comer Bldg..
Birmingham
Jackson, Miss.
Hospital: \$447,800
I. C. Garber, Medical Bldg.

Mobile, Ala.
Foundation for plant: \$230,667
Doullet & Ewin, Q. & C. Bldg.,
New Orleans
Jackson, Miss.
Paving: \$410,192
Lawrence Constr. Co., Jackson
Knoxville, Tenn.
Theatre: \$600,000
George A. Fuller Co., 949
Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Moss Point, Miss.
Boiler house: \$250,000
Combustion Eng. Co., 200
Madison Ave., N. Y. C.

New England

Boston, Mass. Station and coloseeum, \$4,000,000 54,000,000

Dwight P. Robinson & Co.,
125 E. 46 St., N. Y. C.

Brockton, Mass.
Highways: \$228,616
Powers Bros., Montello St.,
Bridge.

Brockton
Bridgeport Conn.
Airport: 300,000
W. E. Arthur & Co., 292 Madison Aw., N. Y. C.
Danbury Conn.
Theatre \$300,000
T. J. Pardy Constr. Co., 1481
Seaview Ave., Bridgeport
Weymauth, Mass.
High &chool: \$320,000
J. Miles & Son, 393 Main St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Everett, Mass. Sub-tation: \$500,000 Coleman Bros. Co., 245 State S., Boston

St., Boston
Previdence, R. I.
High School: \$810,517
E. Turgeon, 36 Exchange

igh School: \$300,000 C. T. Rockeford, 16 Norwich St., Worcester, Mass.

Middle Atlantic

New Tork City

Ince: \$6,500,000
Hospital: \$1,250,000
Marc Eldlitz & Sons, 41 E.
42nd St.
Subway: \$4,722,885
Marcus Contg. Co., 305
Broadway

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Marcus Contg. Co., 305
Broadway
Subway: \$5,735,149
Moranti & Raymond, 42
Broadway
Office: \$3,000,000
Starrett Bros., 101 Park Ave.
Car Shops: \$4,170,000
Eastern Construction Co., 110
W. 40th St.
Hospital: \$2,000,000
Geo. A. Fuller Co., 949
Broadway
Syracuse, N. Y.
Office: \$2,500,000
G. Richard Davis, 10 E. 41
St., N. Y. C.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
College: \$1,000,000
T. O'Reilly, 415 Lexington
Ave., N. Y. C.
Newark, N. J.
Arena: \$1,000,000
E. M. Waldron, Inc., 27 Central Ave.
East Orange, N. J.
Apartment: \$1,000,000
Corona Constr. Co., Military
Park Bldg., Newark
Hoboken, N. J.
Theatre: \$1,000,000
Belmont Iron Works, 44
Whitehall St., N. Y. C.
Ocean City, N. J.
Bridge: \$1,000,000
Frederick Snare Corp., 114
Liberty St., N. Y. C.
New York and New Jersey
Bridges:
Cornell Contg. Co., \$626,730
Grand Central Terminal,
N. Y. C.
A. A. Volk Co., \$478,650
1819 Broadway, N. Y. C.
Duquesne, Pa.
Bridge: \$900,000
Pitt Constr. Co., Empire

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1819 Broadway, N. Y. C.

Duquesne, Pa.
Bridge: \$900,000
Pitt Constr. Co., Empire
Baltimere, Md.

Medical Library: \$400,000
Consolidated Eng. Co., 20 E.
Franklin St.
Washington, D. C.
High School: \$495,000
G. E. Wyne, 13th St. & Dogwood Ave., N. W.
Pennsylvania
Highways: \$1,272,458
Hagedorn Constr. Co., \$286,036. Grafton, W. Va.

STEEL PINS are driven on the form line and a string stretched to line and grade. Firm subgrade has been prepared to proper elevation, 9 in. below the top of the pavement. Subgrade has been rolled for 2 ft. outside pavement edge.





FIRST 10-FT. LENGTH of form is placed and held to line and grade by two stakes, one at each end. Then the next length of form is brought up to but against the end of the first form. Form setter begins to drive the lock-joint plate to connect the two forms.

# Step-by-Step FIELD METHODS



LOCK PLATE is driven completely home, thus establishing a rigid connection between the two forms. One end of the second form is thus automatically brought to exact line and grade to produce smooth, true joint.



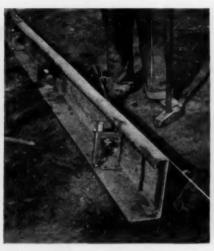
FORM SETTER now proceeds to the free end of the second length of form and drives the 7-in. round steel stake in the stake pocket. The sledge is used for driving stakes only.



5 AFTER THE STAKE is driven the form setter holds the free end of the form to line and grade with one hand and proceeds to drive the wedge so as to key the form to the stake.



THE 1-IN. STEEL PLATE WEDGE has been driven, firmly keying the form to line and grade.



SECOND LENGTH of form is held accurately to proper line and grade by the lock-joint connection at one end and the stake and key at the other end.



THEN THE STAKE is driven in the stake pocket adjacent to the lock joint.

#### How to Set Road Forms

#### Accuracy Means Attention to Details

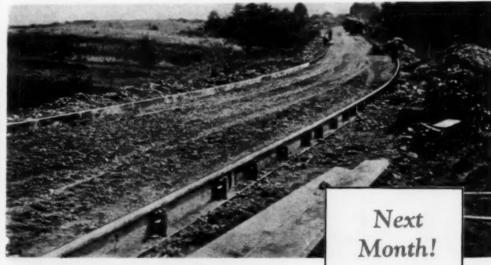
N ANY concrete paving job, one of the important operations is the setting of the road forms. Whether the costs are high or low or the quality of the finished slab good or bad, depends, not on luck, but on a painstaking attention to details.

The series of pictures on this and the opposite page was specially taken to illustrate, step by step, approved methods of setting Blaw-Knox steel road forms on a concrete highway being built by Harry M. Bates, contractor, at Steuben-ville, Ohio. The forms are completing their second year of service.

A great aid to the accuracy of the road-form work is given by having line and grade stakes on both sides of the road not more than 25 ft. apart-closer on vertical and horizontal curves.



AND THE STEEL PLATE WEDGE is driven home, securing the form to steel stakes at both ends.



THE FORM has been firmly and accurately set to line and grade. This process is then repeated indefinitely. The stake in the center stake pocket is driven and keyed up any time prior to the arrival of the paving mixer and finishing machine. Usually the form setter's helper attends to this.

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story on "How to Strip Road Forms"



SETUP of road forms completed.

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SKIMMER SCOOP excavates subgrade to receive 6-in. shell base compacted and topped with 1-in. sand cushion to carry thin vitrified brick with asphalt joint filler.



#### How

## FLORIDA CITY Paves with Vitrified Brick



CAYS Y. BRIDDELL, superintendent for cent of it is on native sand with sand the Georgia Engineering Company of Augusta: "We have laid some 200 in St. Petersburg, Fla. About 80 per a sand or an asphalt joint filler is used."

filler. The remaining 20 per cent is on 1-in. sand cushion over a shell base commiles of 3-in. vitrified brick pavement pacted with 5 and 7-ton rollers. Either-

VETERAN of 25 years' service with contractor, former slave and now boss of bricklaying crew, this 85-year-old worker. keeps laborers hustling.

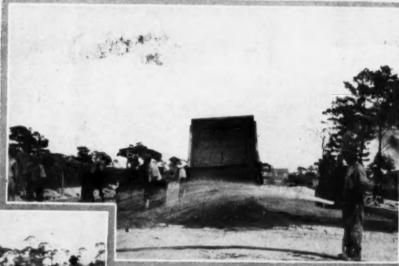


PUTTING DOWN THE SHELL BASE in two layers. Three-ton and five-ton rollers

compact lower course to 4 in.;



JUST ONE ROW AFTER ANOTHER! Here's the way they put down the thin vitrified brick on the 1-in. sand cushion.



WETTING DOWN SUBGRADE before shell base is spread

GRANITE SLABS, 4 in. wide and 14 to 18 in. deep, form the curb for the completed pavement.

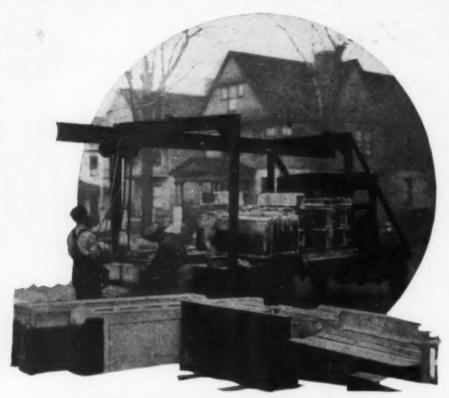


A LESSON IN CONSERVATION! Central Ave. widened to 60 ft. and repaved with same brick used on the pair of 18-ft. strips originally surfaced 13 years ago.



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# Getting Down to Details

THIS TRUCK LOADS ITSELF. In handling heavy building stone on Springfield, Ill., cathedral, Math. Rauen, Chicago contractor, used truck with cantilever I-beam and chain hoist to load and unload the stone.



RIP! CRACK! CATERPILLAR TRACTOR YANKS out sidewalk slabs for street widening in Minneapolis.

STEAM SHOVEL HITS in the pinches. With no other equipment available, contractor sets heavy culvert pipe with "Old Trusty."

#### A New Feature

N THIS page Construction Methods presents a new feature: a department of job "close-ups" for the field men of construction and industry.

Its object?

To picture at close range practical applications of equipment and materials for doing more and better work in fewer hours at less cost.

Next month: More detail photos. What's new on your job? See suggestion on next page.





EASY THERE! TRAILER with hand winch and cable unloads 42-in. pipe on sewer job in Indianapolis. The Independent Concrete Pipe Company supplied the pipe for Krenn & Dato Building & Construction Company, Chicago, the contractor.

#### "CLOSE-UPS" from Your Job

N YOUR work you must have a lot of interesting details of the kind illustrated on these pages. Look through your photo files or get out your camera and take a good close-up shot of some construction kink that you have found helpful.

Send pictures of your job "close-ups" to the Editor of Construction Methods, Tenth Avenue at Thirty-Sixth Street, New York.

For the best detail picture received during each month \$10 will be paid. All others acceptable for publication will be paid for at regular rates.

SPECIAL BLADE ON TRACTOR-OPERATED grader shapes subgrade for thickened edge concrete paving slab in Indiana



THE MOVING FINGER OILS. Contractor uses novel hose and pipe attachment for surface-treating gravel road in Portchester, N. Y.





"THEY SAVED ME MONEY," says John Frantz, Sidney, Ohio, contractor, of the three Miami scrapers on the loading platform, which he used on a street grading job in Sidney. "I found them particularly economical in loading trucks from a platform," he continues. "We built a platform with two openings for the trucks to run under, and in 20 hours moved 424 yd. of earth."

## Crossing

## THE COLUMBIA

Building steel
highway bridge
at Vantage Ferry
Washington

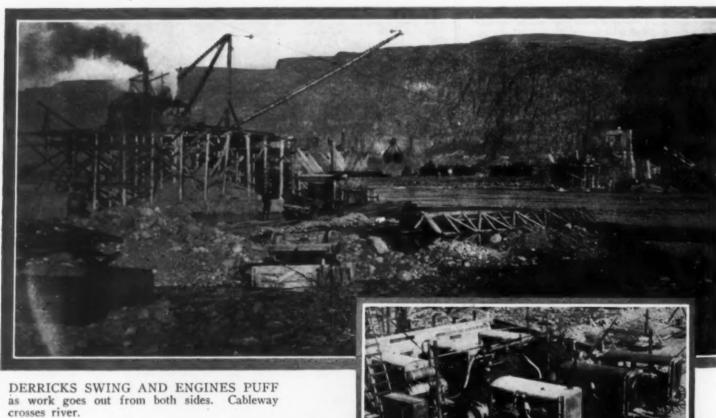


DOWN GOES THE CAISSON! For setting river piers 60 ft. below water level. (Above.)

N BUILDING a steel highway bridge, which rises 90 ft. above the Columbia River at Vantage Ferry, Wash., the contractors, Kuckenberg & Wittman, of Portland, Ore., adopted some new methods on their work. They installed a battery of six portable compressors instead of a single stationary unit, and evolved some new ways of handling concreting on the bridge approach.

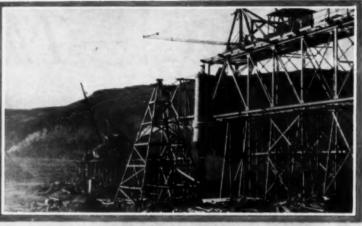
approach.

The bridge, a cantilever structure carried on two river piers sunk to bedrock, was finished this summer. Derricks swung the steel into place, and when the final girders met at the center of the 520-ft. span, they were only ¼ in. out of line. Credit for this achievement



osses river.

THE COMPRESSOR PLANT. A battery of six Sullivan portable units supplied the air.



PUSHING THE STEEL OUT with derrick and traveler.



ON ITS WAY ACROSS THE COLUMBIA RIVER. Approach structure with first steel span in place at Vantage Ferry, Wash.

goes to the resident engineer on the job, George H. Shearer.

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The caisson and steel contractors, Booth & Pomeroy, of Portland, used open caissons in building the river piers, driving them down 30 ft. through gravel and sand by open dredging, and the rest of the way down to bedrock under compressed air. The crew averaged an inch an hour in sinking the caissons. Six Sullivan portable gasoline compressors, each with a capacity of 330 cu.ft. per minute, supplied air to the caissons. Superintendent Andrew Wittman used this equipment instead of a single unit because of its greater flexibility.

IN CONCRETING the approaches and floor slab of the bridge, unusual precautions had to be taken, due to high temperatures, averaging 100 deg. Describing the concreting, H. G.

Mills, resident engineer succeeding Mr. Shearer, says: "To prevent the usual cracks which appear at panel points, we used thin Elastite paper at every third panel and at every construction joint in the slab. We took great care in curing, and I feel lucky that such a small number of hair cracks have shown up."

ber of hair cracks have shown up."

Of the slab construction Mr. Mills says: "We rodded the slab transversely off bulkheads on the floorbeams, set to proper depth and crown section. We hit trouble when trying to withdraw these 2-in. bulkheads from the concrete, and so started to use double bulkheads, separated by wedge shaped blocks which

kept the bulkheads apart. In withdrawing, workmen knocked these blocks out, and it was then easy to take out the bulkheads. They filled the bulkhead spaces with concrete."

The floor slab was concreted with two dump cars running on track supported by stringers on the bridge hand rails, bringing the concrete from the mixing plant near the bridge approaches.

TO FACILITATE handling of material and communication across the Columbia River, the contractors built a cableway, shown in one of the photographs on the opposite page.

## Here They Are!—This

#### FIRST Prize \$2500

Won by CHARLES T. FISHER

Engineer for Owen P. Williams, General Contractor, of Oneonta, N. Y.





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"BY LAND OR BY SEA!"—It's all the same to this Paul Revere of construction—a crawler-mounted truck which goes right out into the water and gets its load. The power shovel, also ocean going, scoops gravel from the creek bed for use on a highway job in New York. In this way the contractor cut down his haul materially which makes this picture not only striking and unusual but practical.

"COME ON IN. THE WATER'S FINE!" The shovel goes for a little swim on its own account. It's digging from a borrow pit in the bed of Ouleout Creek, gouging out gravel for the Franklin-North Franklin highway, Delaware County, N. Y. The truck, having had its bath, dries out at the right.

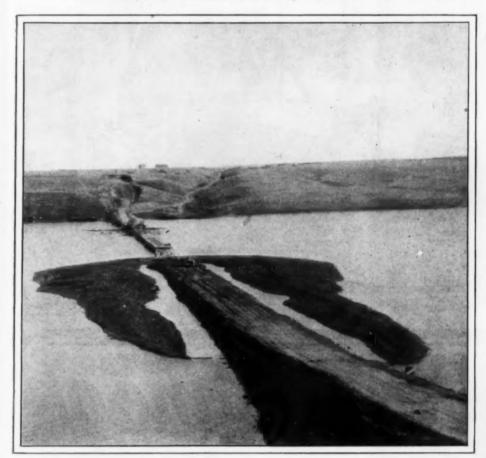
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## Month's Prize-Winning Pictures

#### SECOND Prize \$1500

Won by A. S. MAREAN

Resident Engineer, North Dakota State Highway Commission, Bowbells, N. D.



SQUASH!—Lake bottom comes up as contractors lay highway fill. Photo shows muck rising out of the water in Upper Des Lacs Lake, near Bowbells, N. D., when fill of 158,000 cu.yd. was made. The fill replaced an old highway trestler

#### How About YOUR Job?

#### Let's See It

ON'T let the other fellow do all the work, and —pull down all the prize money. There must be some novel or unusual feature about your job, too. So get the dust off that camera!

We want novel—useful attractive pictures; pictures that catch the eye; tell how you're doing the job; show applications of equipment and methods. Artistic quality, though considered, is secondary as a basis for prize awards.

ONDITIONS. The only conditions are: Pictures must be taken by a man actually employed on the job, and should be sent to Construction Methods, Tenth Avenue at Thirty-sixth Street, New York City, by Jan. 10, plainly marked "Photographic Contest." Photographs received after that date will be entered in the March contest. Construction Methods will pay for all non-prize-winning pictures it uses.

#### Prizes Every Month

Every month Construction Methods awards three prizes, of \$25, \$15 and \$10, for the most novel, useful, and attractive pictures taken by construction men on construction jobs. This month, with the Road Show and Convention being held in Cleveland, Jan. 9-13, the entries were limited to highway pictures.

Next month the contest is free for all

## Third Prize \$1000

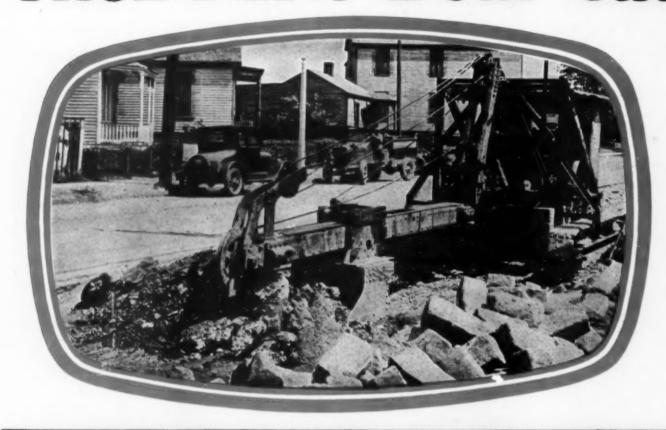
Won by K. H. TATLOW, 3rd Junior Highway Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, Redlands, Calif.



TRAFFIC MUST GO ON! Steam shovels and autos chug side by side when A. Haidlen Co., contractor, keeps heavy grading job open despite difficulties. Shovel in foreground is digging out old roadway, relocating line for new Pacific Coast Highway, near La Moine, Cal.

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## The BYERS Bear Cat



# The Greatest Line of in the

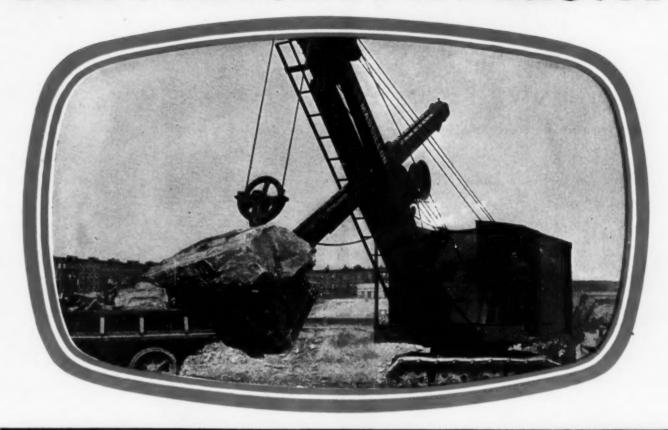


The Bear Cat is noted for its speed, economy, and all-around usefulness. Handling five interchangeable attachments, it is equally successful as a crane, shovel, skimmer, ditcher and backfiller. Big full crawler mounting affords 100 per cent traction. The Bear Cat is operated strictly by one man. Half Revolving and Full Revolving Types.

The BYERS Line now includes the MASSILLON Gas and Steam Shovels through the purchase of The Massillon Power Shovel Co. by the Byers Machine Co.

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## The Massillon Master



# Shovel-Crane Equipment World 1-14 Yardens

Power greater than any gas shovel of like capacity has possessed before and speed that is not equalled by any other shovel, either gas or steam, are outstanding features of the Massillon "Master" Gas Shovel. The power is centralized for maximum efficiency. The whole machine is of advanced design, notable for its simplicity and great ruggedness.

The Massillon Steam Shovel has made a name for itself because of its exceptional speed and control. The picture at right shows one of five Massillons, steam and gas, owned by a leading contractor in Ohio.

THE BYERS MACHINE CO., Ravenna, Ohio



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## Good-bye MULE!

Contractors Replace Mules with Tractors on Mississippi Levee Work

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A FAITHFUL PAIR of "Missouri mocking birds," partners of the Southern darky for generations, now about to pass on.

River before the spring rains, southern contractors are turning, in increasing numbers, to tractors instead of mules. That far-famed partnership, Sambo and Jenny, is about to be dissolved.

Most of the levee contracts had Dec. 15 as their deadline. Faced with



as easy as mules."



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penalty clauses, and fighting against time and rain, the "dirt" men were forced to turn to more modern methods. The mules were tough, but the job was tougher. The pictures show work in Arkansas. Tractors hauling crawler dump wagons have almost entirely retired the mules to their stables. On one job, that of M. J. Roach and his son, T. W. Roach, on the Lower Knowlton levee near Deerfield, Ark., the tractors and crawler wagons moved 100,000 cu.ft. of earth monthly.

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The tractors have taken over almost entirely the gruelling, heartbreaking work of handling the elevating graders

TRACTOR'S "CHUG CHUG" is sweeter to the contractor than the mule's "Haw Haw." Three tractors and two elevating graders do the heavy excavating here, pushing the mule right out of the picture.

on building up the levees and are fast replacing mules for moving the earth excavation to the levee site. Caterpillar 60's are used on elevating graders, and Caterpillar 30's on the Western-Athey 7-yd. dump wagons.

The contractors followed standard methods, building the levees in 4-ft. layers, which were compacted by the tractors, graders, mules and wagons passing above. These ascended to the levee top on runways, built up on a 10 to 1 slope.

No digging was allowed for 40 ft.

back from the levee, and then the excavation followed certain prescribed slopes back.

Large quantities of earth went into the levees. At the widest part, in Panther Forest Loop, which W. T. Lowrance and L. Lowrance & Brother built through Walker Swamp, the fill per 100-ft. section was 16,000 cu.yd. R. T. Clark and W. C. Mullen were

other contractors on the Arkansas work. They had two contracts on the loop on the Upper Knowlton levee near Ferguson, Ark.

Other levee contractors include E. H. Polk and S. K. Jones, who are building twelve stations of the Snow Lake levee, and the seven famous Lowrance brothers, North Carolinians who "went west" and are making levee building history. Besides those mentioned be-fore, the Lowrance clan includes Lowrance Brothers & Co. and E. M. Lowrance.

> THE MULE DIES HARD. A few survivors working on the steep



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1—WHEN THE SHOVEL ARRIVES how do you haul the material it digs?

#### How do you

## HAUL

what the Shovel

DIGS?



2—HORSES AND WAGONS can be used of course—



3-BUT IT TAKES a lot of them, and the horses sure can eat when the weather is bad, so-



4—TRACTORS ARE USED by some contractors instead of mules to haul the wagons, for tractors don't eat when they aren't working. In many places—



5-MOTOR TRUCKS are successfully used in hauling the spoil, for-



6—THE ROCK WORK doesn't bother them at all, and-



7—THEY STAND UP to the job in winter weather, even when there's a lot of bad going. On the other hand—

#### HAULING WHAT



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9—T H O U G H TRESTLES COST a good deal—

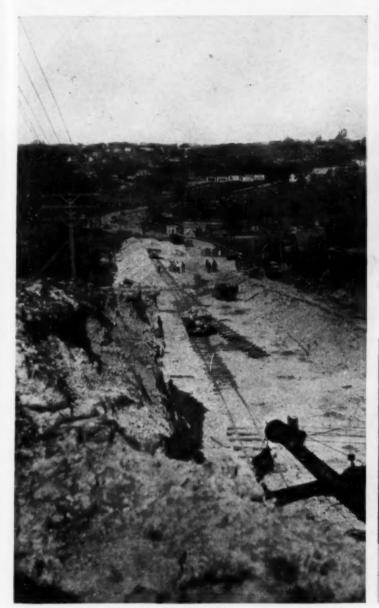
10-A LOCOMO-TIVE and a string of cars often prove very satisfactory—



11—WHILE MOST CONTRACTORS use engines when they install industrial railway—

12—SOME CONTRACTORS still find it profitable to use mules, and even—

#### THE SHOVEL DIGS



13 —A GRAVITY RUN, with—



15—THE CRAWLER TRACTOR, with the big steel wagons it hauls, is perhaps the most modern. The amount of equipment required is limited, and if end dumping is permitted—

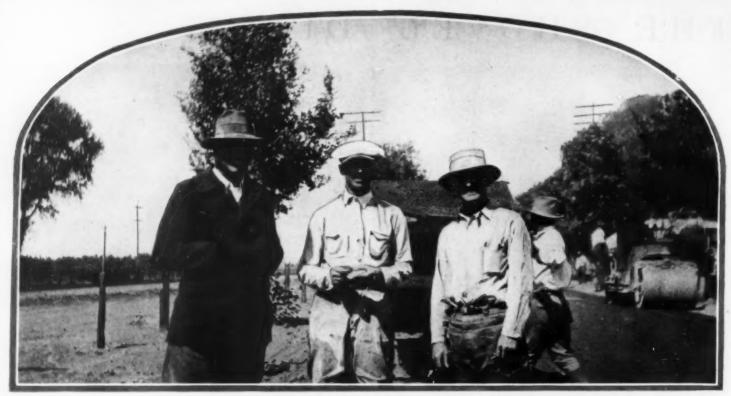


16 —THE BULL DOZER reduces the amount of handling the earth to a minimum.



14\_A CABLE AND WINCH RETURN, sometimes proves both economical and successful—

SO, AFTER ALL, there are a lot of ways to move the earth, and the main thing is to select the sort of moving equipment which will work best on the job in hand



RIGHT ON THE JOB! Left to right: T. Y. Johnson, superintendent; J. W. Cole, resident engineer, and Jack Greene, assistant resident engineer.

## Black Top Job

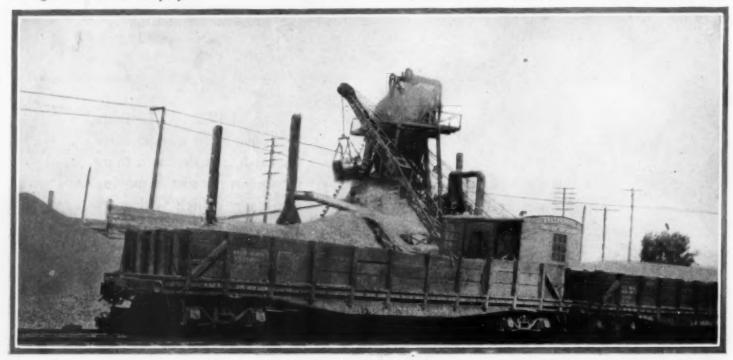
#### Produces Non-Skid Surface in California

TURNING OUT
600 TONS A DAY
at the asphalt plant of the Valley
Paving & Construction Company.

THE California Highway Department has almost eliminated danger from skidding on bituminous pavement by improving the method of applying the wearing surface. The accompanying photographs show the construction of a 4-in. asphaltic concrete

surface on top of an old 4-in. cement concrete slab base. Concrete shoulders involved in the same job are another prominent feature of present practice in the state.

The bottom course of asphaltic concrete contains aggregates grading down



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AN IRON BAR and a Northwest crane broke up some of the old pavement that had to be removed.

in size from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. and smaller. It is a leveling course to within 2 in. of the surface. The top course had 1-in. maximum size of rock.

In applying the surface, the old method was to mop the slab base with liquid asphalt and then scatter hot screenings. These screenings were soon brushed off by traffic, leaving a surface slippery in wet weather. Under the present specifications the screenings are thoroughly mixed with the asphalt in the mixer. The proportion of asphalt to screenings is about 1½ per cent by weight. The mixed material is spread with a shovel, smoothed with rakes to obtain an even application, and rolled. The screenings adhere to the surface and form a coarse mat which prevents skidding. The screenings are ¼ to ¾ in. in size.

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conown THE photographs were taken on an 8-mile job outside Modesto, Calif. The Valley Paving & Construction Co., Visalia, Calif., was the contractor. T. Y. Johnston superintended the work under the general supervision of J. W. Cole, resident engineer, and R. E. Pierce, division engineer of the state highway department.



FROM AN END-DUMP TRUCK the asphaltic concrete delivered to place.



BEFORE ROLLING (above) the surface was smoothed by raking, resulting in a finished surface (below) on which motor vehicles may travel without skidding even in wet weather.

## How Mexico [American engineer tells of roadwork] in mountainous Mexico

#### Builds Her Highways

By C. N. CONNER

Former Chief Engineer on Mexican Highway Construction Now with the Highway Research Board, Washington, D. C.



Following the recent article published in Construction Methods dealing with bridge construction on Mexican highways, we are presenting this month some details of Mexican road construction. C. N. Conner, the author, spent nearly a year in Mexico and is now with the Highway Research Board at Washington, D. C. He took the pictures shown in the article.

TYPICAL GROUP OF LABORERS.

"They are excellent workmen and cheap (about 75c. a day)," says Mr. Conner.

HE importance of highway construction has been realized for some time by the Mexicans, but it is only a little more than a year ago that they began actual construction of a highway system, using modern methods, with American engineers in charge.

Mexico is suffering from a lack of means of communication, principal among which are telephones and highways. As one engineer expressed it, "They have been waiting 400 years for something to drive over, and it's no wonder that traffic on the highways already completed has increased from

10 to 100 vehicles per day in a few months.'

After a year under American guidance on the construction of 500 kilometers of highways, the Mexicans are now planning to go ahead without the foreign engineers. On account of the someengineers. what limited finances of 12,000,000 pesos (roughly \$6,000,000) per annum, the roads have been built entirely of local materials such as tezontle, tepetate, volcanic cinders, gravel and stone.

These surfaces, after shaping and compacting, are treated with asphaltic oils. They will carry without excessive maintenance from 600 to 1,500 vehicles per day. Later, of course, hard surface pavements will be required, especially near the larger centers of population.

The photographs show the heavy construction in the mountains where much of the work has been done. As the greater part of the Republic is more than 5,000 ft. above sea level it readily can be seen that a large portion of the finances will be consumed in this heavy grading.

The future prospects seem good as there is a real demand and desire for highway construction.



MODERN MACHINERY ON THE JOB-a road roller from the U.S.A.



OILING ROAD SURFACE with up-to-date pressure distributor. Half the road is treated at a time.

NO HORSE-POWER USED for operating this American highway maintenance grader outfit in India. It looks like zebu-power to us, but if that isn't correct, write your own ticket.

### ODDIȚIES ODDIȚIES

For this page the Editor wants snapshots of unusual construction details

What's ODD on your work?



"JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES" describes this power shovel. Between shifts of highway subgrade excavation for the A. Haidlen Co. near La Moine, Calif., it loaded a concrete mixer on a 5-ton truck for transfer to a new job. Picture from K. H. Tatlow.

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ONE WAY TO AVOID the rush-hour subway jam in getting to and from the job. Plenty of fresh air for these men, homeward bound via cableway, after erecting steel for tower of the Twin Falls-Jerome cantilever bridge over Snake River Canyon in Washington.

ALPINE CLIMBING TECHNIQUE is necessary for these glaziers, busy on the annual job of repairing the roof of the Crystal Palace in London.



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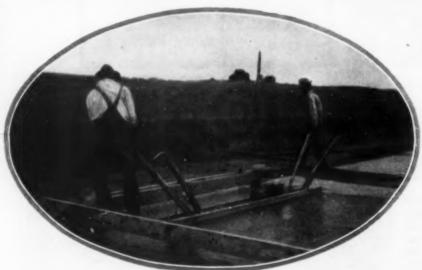
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## Home Made Tools for the Concrete Paving Contractor



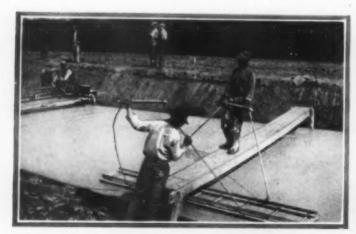


GETTING A SMOOTH FINISH on the pavement is one of the most important details in first-class pavement work. The long-handled float should be wide—from 3 to 5 ft. long—and slightly beveled on the edges, so it will not gouge the pavement in moving back and forth.



ANOTHER AID in obtaining a smooth surface is the longitudinal float. The usual design, shown above, is operated from a double bridge, but as it is narrow, it tends to gouge the pavement.

BETTER RESULTS are obtained by a design generally similar but using a bottom on the float. In the design shown above the bottom of the float may be a light channel. The desired effect is obtained by dragging the float back and forth from the bridge, the forward edge being lifted a little to prevent gouging and produce a surface having good riding qualities.



THE SMOOTHEST FINISH is obtained with the North Carolina float, dragged across at a slight angle. The float is 10 to 12 ft. long, 15 in. wide, and is built up on steel angles. Rounded edges prevent gouging.



SOME CONTRACTORS PREFER to operate the float by means of *long handles*. This works very well if there are no deep cuts which would interfere with the movement of the handle back and forth.

## Some Handy Devices for Finishing, Laying Burlap and Pulling Forms



AFTER THE FLOATS some contractors use the wooden belt, as shown above, and find it very effective. After this—

surface

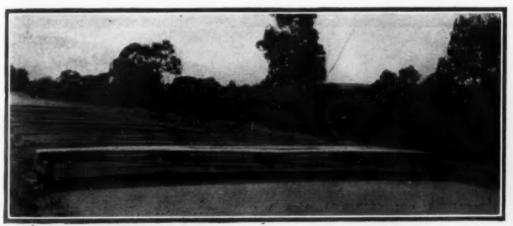
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THE FINAL FINISH can be applied with the *bow belt*. The bow maintains a uniform pull on the belt, which is dragged forward without any sawing motion. Besides finishing tools—



THE CONTRACTOR USES a variety of bridges. Here is one on rollers, used for laying burlap. It is easier to move than those resting on the forms or on the ground outside, as shown in the other pictures.



GOOD FORM PULLERS save time in rooting out tight forms. Those above were made of timber and—



THESE HUSKY "ROAD DENTISTS" were built up from pipe. With these form pullers two men can quickly yank out a day's forms without damaging slab.

### Let's hear from you

Well, this is how the other fellow's doing it.

How about your job?

Built any new rigs that work? If so, why not send pictures of them to

We'll do the rest!



REACHING UP to set the hip trusses over the choir loft.

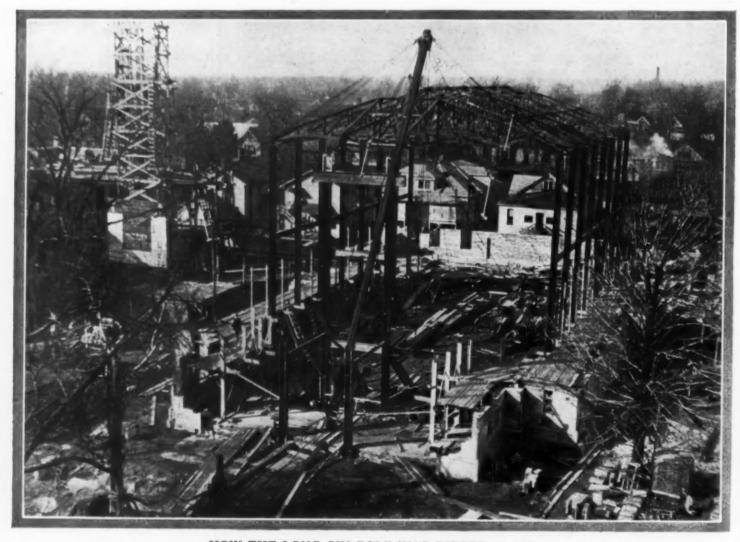
## 75-ft. Gin Pole

### Aids Cathedral Steel Erection

SPECIALIST in church construction, the Math. Rauen Company of Chicago is completing at Springfield, Ill., from plans of J. W. McCarthy, Chicago architect, a group of buildings for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. In addition to the main cathedral structure, the group includes a rectory, a school and a convent, built

as a unit on a plot of ground having dimensions of 200x235 ft.

From the construction point of view the main feature of the job is the use of a 75-ft. gin pole for erecting the steel work in the frame of the cathedral, which has dimensions of 86x180x65 ft. For the walls monkey derricks set 45,000 cu.ft. of Mankato stone.



HOW THE LONG GIN POLE WAS RIGGED to erect the steel frame and roof trusses for the big cathedral.



PATROL UNIT. Truck and grader—trims 10 to 15 miles of highway ready for gang units to finish with gravel.

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FOLLOWING UP. Gang unit truck dumping gravel on road between Salt Lake and Park City. Each gang has two to five trucks.

## Highway Maintenance in Utah

TAH, with 3,000 miles of road within its borders, has organized highway maintenance by using a combined gang and patrol system. The units work together, patrols covering from 10 to 15 miles of road, and gangs following the work of two patrols.

The patrols use graders, hauled by trucks in the valleys, and by horses on the hillsides. They trim the road preparatory to finishing with gravel by the gang units. The gang units use fleets of

trucks which haul gravel from crushers, fill low spots, build up the road shoulders, and do heavy grading.

The maintenance corps is directed by E. C. Knowlton, state maintenance engineer, who has five district engineers under him. With winter approaching he plans to keep 2,000 miles of highway open with rotary snow plows, working up to a level of 9,000 ft. After that height the snow will compel cessation of work.



THE HEAVY ARTILLERY. Ten-ton tractor and grader used by gang units for heavy duty.

#### Work Against Time to Repair Flood-Damaged Highways

## in Mississippi Valley



ORKING under the direction of the State Highway Department, contractors' organizations and equipment supplemented by day-labor forces are rushing the work of reconstruction and repair on flood-damaged highways and bridges in Arkansas. This is one of the states that suffered most from the rampage of the Mississippi River last year. In the southeast section of Arkansas, the flood damage was particularly severe.

Highways were scoured out or buried under many feet of silt deposited by the flood, drainage ditches were filled up and

CRACKED AND HEAVED by the flood waters, these slabs were all that remained of the concrete highway between Little Rock and Hot Springs.

> MOVING HOUSES off Route 4, where they had been carried by the flood, was one detail in the relief work near Arkansas City.



CLEARING ROADS of flood débris was the first job to be done after the water receded. Tractors moved 28 houses off of this stretch of Route 4.

### Arkansas Contractors and Forces of State Highway Department Rush Reconstruction of Roads and Bridges

bridges were completely demolished or had their decking floated off. To bring order out of the chaos imposed a huge task on the state's engineering and construction forces. Reconstruction work is now in full swing, and the accompanying photographs by V. B. Smith, editorial field representative of Construction Methods, give an idea of the character and extent of the damage done in Chicot and Desha counties, and the methods and equipment being used on the emergency repair work.

A break occurred in the Arkansas River levee at Pendleton, approximately 40 miles below Pine Bluff, on April 19. The flood waters spread over the country in a veritable wall. They entered the lowest part of Lake Village, county seat of Chicot County, the morning of April 26, and in three hours had risen to

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a height of 5 ft. It was this moving crest of water that was responsible for the most serious highway damage. In bayous and ditches the rushing flood and accumulated drift proved more than bridges could resist. As the flood swept down natural hollows, it washed away sections of the fills which blocked its path.

HIGHWAYS SUBMERGED SIX WEEKS

Highways in the two counties were covered for an average period of six weeks. Of the 890 miles of state roads in District 2 of the Arkansas Highway Department, with headquarters at Pine Bluff, of which these counties form a part, 600 miles were under water. All level land in Chicot and Desha counties was inundated to a depth of from 4 in. to 15 ft. The long immersion caused the

gumbo material of which the fills are composed to swell. As the fills under paved roads dried out after the waters had receded they left the pavement unsupported in many places, and this failure of the foundation has caused considerable cracking and break-up of the slab. As for the rest of the damage, it is estimated that nearly all of it occurred during the first week of the flood.

#### RECONSTRUCTION FOLLOWS RECEDING WATER

Reconstruction followed the water as it receded. Work was supervised by resident engineers of the State Highway Department, of whom there were three in the two counties. As the various highways drained at different times, work could be carried on successively



BURIED under 5 ft. of silt! Mule-drawn fresnos clear Route 35 near Gaines Landing.

RESPONDED TO S. O. S. These highway engineers had a strenuous battle when the flood hit Arkansas. They are (left to right): L. Bearden, resident engineer; A. S. Madding, district engineer; H. Haberyan, county supervisor, and E. Hale, civil engineer.

DRAGLINE operated under contract by Kochtitzky Bros., of England, Ark., cleared sediment-filled ditches at Halley.



NEW BRIDGES were quickly erected to replace structures that went out with the first rush of the flood. J. F. Mullins, contractor, of Pine Bluff, handled the emergency work. In some cases only the decks were floated off and were replaced.



#### Repairing Flood Damage



UNDERMINED PIERS and abutments caused collapse of steel-truss bridge (above) along Lake Chicot. Replacement being made (at right) with creosoted timber structure on pile bents. Day-labor forces of the Arkansas State Highway Department are handling this job.

on the separate roads as they were uncovered. As many day-labor crews as could be used were employed. They were put to work with trucks, tractors, scrapers, and tools already on hand. Temporary bridges were built where needed, and gaps in the fills were connected with temporary runways. The roads were cleared of accumulated logs, houses, and smaller drift. As the work progressed, attention was turned to rebuilding the fills and erecting permanent bridges. The counties operated ferries at many points where bridges were missing.

One of the big preliminary jobs was to clear the routes of flood wreckage before real reconstruction could start. On one section of Route 4 near Arkansas City, for example, the highway department forces had to remove 28 houses which the rushing waters picked up and deposited on or near the right-of-way. Both tractors and teams helped speed up this part of the work. The débris, removed from the highways, was



TEMPORARY CRIBBING supports this one-way steel bridge undermined on Route 2.

TENTS housed the flood relief construction crews at Connerly's Bayou bridge

#### in Mississippi Valley

piled up alongside of them and burned.
Another important feature of the repair work is the cleaning out of side ditches which had been filled with silt. Draglines are proving effective machines for this operation and one of the pictures shows a P&H machine with a \frac{3}{4}-yd. bucket on Route 35 at Halley.

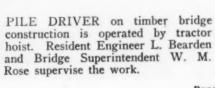
\( \frac{1}{4}\)-yd. bucket on Route 35 at Halley.

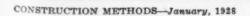
The bridge reconstruction work is making a heavy demand on piledriving equipment. A typical rig with a 2,000-lb. Vulcan drop hammer and tractor hoist is shown in the photographs.

WHEN the first flood warning came, all of the highway bridges in Chicot and Desha counties were weighted down, and the decks were anchored with wire rope cables to trees and deadmen. In spite of these precautions, four timber pile bridges and two steel bridges were washed out—four of them during the first 18 hours of the flood. To provide temporary detour bridges, timber from wrecked structures was salvaged and used.



A CONTRACT JOB on which Atkinson Bros., of Pine Bluff, are driving piles for a timber bridge to fill a gap opened up in Route 4 at Cutoff Creek.





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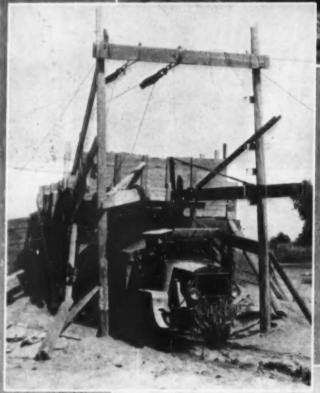
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## CONCRETING— Paving contractors in Colorado dig river sand and in Colorado

haul direct to mixer



Above-DIGGING SAND direct from the South Platte River with a dragline bucket. Sauerman ½-yd. bucket operated by Novo hoist pulls the sand by cableway to the top of the plat-

form. Trucks below load from a cutoff gate. The sand is exceptionally clean and sharp and is used for the concrete paving without any further washing than it received from the river.

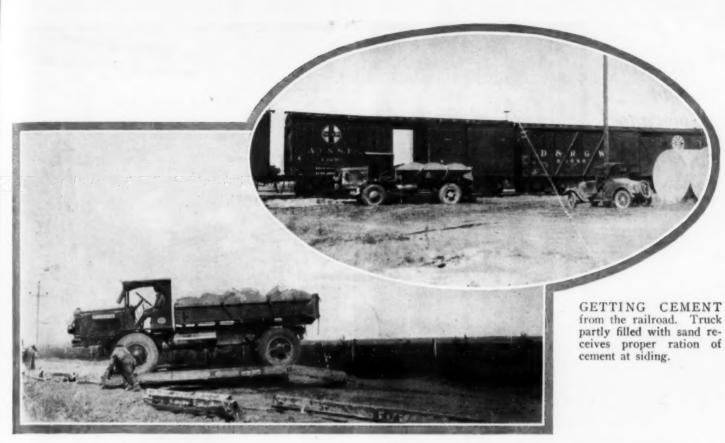
HESE photos were taken on project 288-A-2, Colorado State Highway Department, consisting of a section of concrete pavement, 9.71 miles long and 18 ft. in width, between Merino and Brush. It varied in depth from 61/2 to 9 in. The work was done by Edward Selander, contractor, of Fort Morgan, Colo., under the supervision of W. A. Lewis, resident engineer. L. J. Hesser was superintendent for the contractor.

LOADING TRUCK WITH SAND.



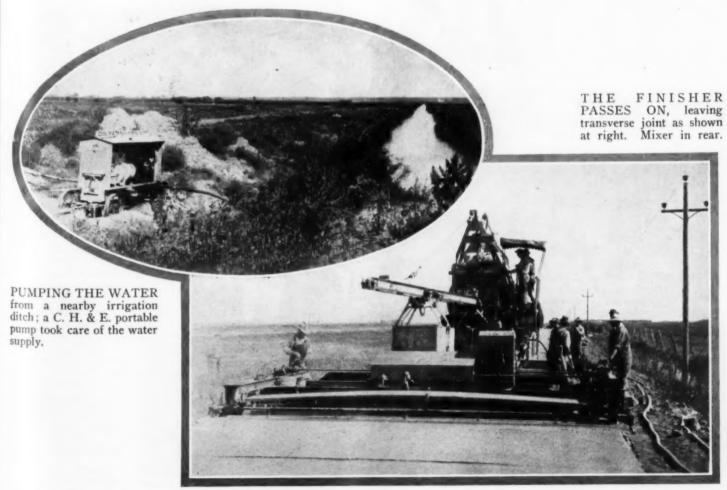


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ROUND IT GOES! Arriving at the mixer, the truck runs on a Blaw-Knox turntable, which wheels it into position to discharge into the skip.

#### Concreting in Colorado



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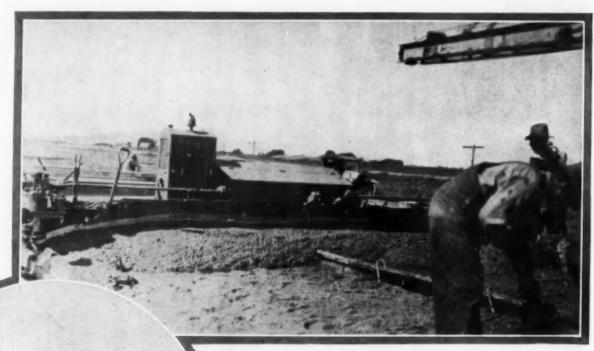
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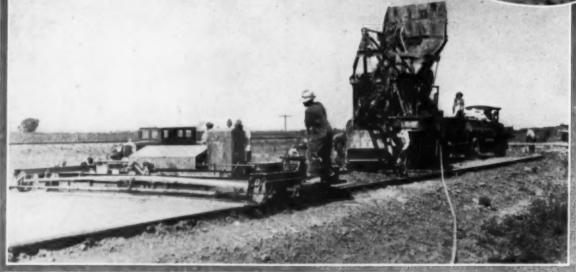
HOLDING CENTER STEEL PLATE in place while concrete goes down. Sand layer under concrete is 2 to 4 in. thick.



SAND PILES on subgrade. These were struck off to proper level by a strike-off board riding in front of the mixer.



MOVING FORMS (above). Due to ground conditions, a drag sled was found most suitable.

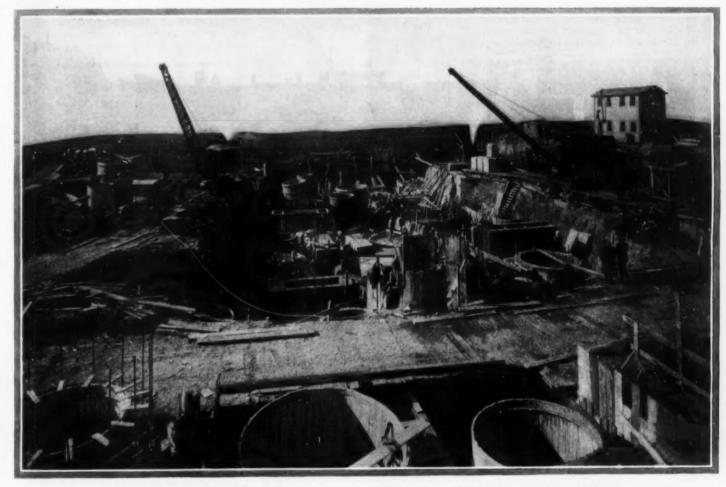


THE COMPLETE PLANT—Ord finisher, Foote mixer, and Coleman truck in the background.

### Sinking OPEN CAISSONS

Contractors Drive Concrete Pier Cylinders 60 ft. to Bedrock

in St. Louis



GOING DOWN! Caissons in all stages of construction on their journey downward, 60 ft. to bedrock. Cranes sunk the caissons, built in 10-ft. hollow sections, by digging

inside them with buckets. The cylinders were weighted down with large concrete blocks, shown under the boom of the crane at the right.

N CONSTRUCTING 62 concrete piers for the foundations of the Civil Court House, St. Louis, Mo., the contractor, the Fruin-Colnon Contract ing Company of St. Louis, used the open-caisson method. They experienced little trouble in sinking all the piers to bedrock, at an average depth of 60 ft. E. C. Dicke of the contracting com-

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pany developed the plans for the caisson system. He built reinforced concrete shells with the same outside dimensions as the piers, and filled them with concrete after they were sunk to firm bearing. Of the total number 40 were circular (7 ft. 3 in. to 11 ft. 11 in. in diameter) and 22 were rectangular (5 x 12 ft. 8 in. to 7 x 16 ft. 4 in).

They went down in 10-ft. sections, with a creat health to the many sections.

with a crane bucket taking out the ma-



GOING UP! Taken from the bucket in the bottom of a caisson just as it was about to be hauled upward. The crane boom hovers above. Note the ring sections, each marking a 10-ft. lift. How far are we down? Count 'em!

terial encountered on the inside. The bottom of the lowest lift carried a 2-in. cutting edge, unprotected by timber or steel, but well reinforced.

Two of the caissons struck quicksand and trouble threatened, but the digging was speeded up, and the shells driven through to clay.

Superintendent George Newell handled the mixing economically. He dug a recess for the mixer in the side of the excavation, below the ground level but above the pouring line for the caissons. Trucks, above, dumped into the mixer, and carts below carried the batches to

R. Weinberger, as resident engineer for St. Louis, supervised the construc-tion, under the direction of E. R. Kinsey, president of the Board of Public Service.

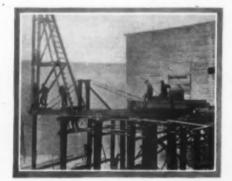
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### NEW EQUIPMENT ON THE JOB

#### New Hoist Built With Three Speeds

An automotive hoist with three speeds to meet all kinds of load conditions is being marketed by the Erstel Manufacturing Company, Portland, Ore. It is shown in the photograph being



used on a pier. Selective gear transmission adapts the power of the hoist to the work being done, and full ball bearing construction increases the efficiency in transmitting engine power. The hoist is light and compact, making its use possible in many locations where it would be impossible to set up a heavier machine.

#### New Portable Pump Weighs Only 95 Lbs.

A new portable centrifugal pumping unit weighing only 95 lb., and with a capacity of 7,500 gal. per hour, is being marketed by the Homelite Corporation, Port Chester, N. Y. It has a bronze



open type impeller direct connected to a 1½-hp, single cylinder air-cooled motor operating on gasoline or kerosene.

Pump and engine are mounted on the same base which also acts as a fuel tank, holding 1 gal., sufficient to operate the engine for 4 or 5 hours. The lift of the pump is 20 ft.; head, 45 ft. It will handle muddy, gritty water; oils, chemicals or anything that will pass through the foot-valve strainer.

The engine being air cooled, the outfit is independent of cooling water supply and can be used even in the lowest temperatures.

#### Bottom Dump Truck For Wet Concrete

A new truck body with a bottom dumping arrangement, designed to speed handling of wet concrete and hauling from central mixing plants, has been put on the market by the Hug



Company of Highland, Ill. It is particularly well adapted for ready mixed concrete, the manufacturers claim.

The body is unique in that the side lifts up from the bottom, offering a practical solution to the problem of handling wet concrete speedily. This dumping scheme shakes up the batch and remixes it as it leaves the body. The entire operation is controlled automatically from the driver's seat. As a hydraulic hoist raises the bottom, steel toggle arms detach the sides and elevate them.

#### Portable Saw Is Run By Electricity

The Wolf portable timber saw, operated and sold by the Reed-Prentice Corporation of Worcester, Mass., is finding many uses on construction work. Although only recently put on



the market, a number have been installed in shipyards, on trestle work, mine timbering, sewer jobs and in other locations.

Of the Wolf saw used in the Tottenville, S. I., shipyard, shown in the photo, Peter C. O'Connor, the superintendent, says, "It went through the timbers, whose cross-section was 4½ sq.ft. in 3½ minutes actual cutting time."

#### Roller-Body Truck Speeds Unloading

The new "Lumberjack" truck, which will be exhibited for the first time by the Hughes-Keenan Company at the Cleveland Road Show, is designed to speed the loading of lumber, tile, brick.



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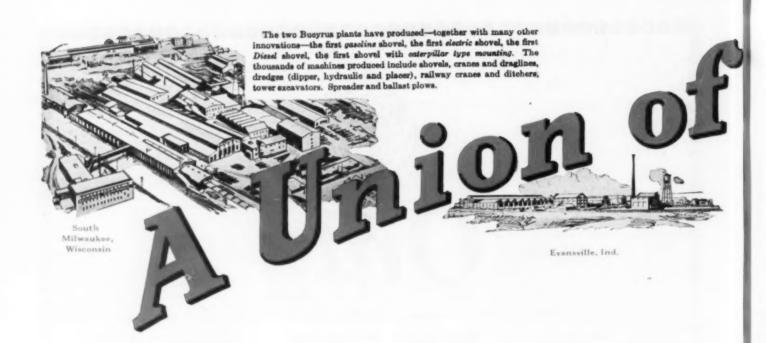
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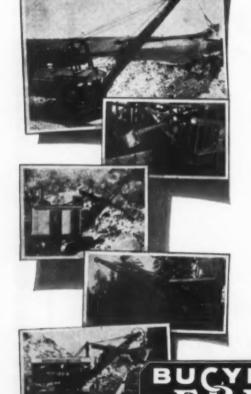
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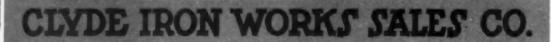
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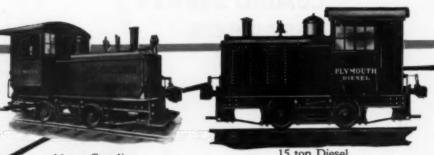
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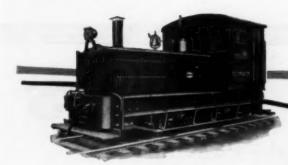
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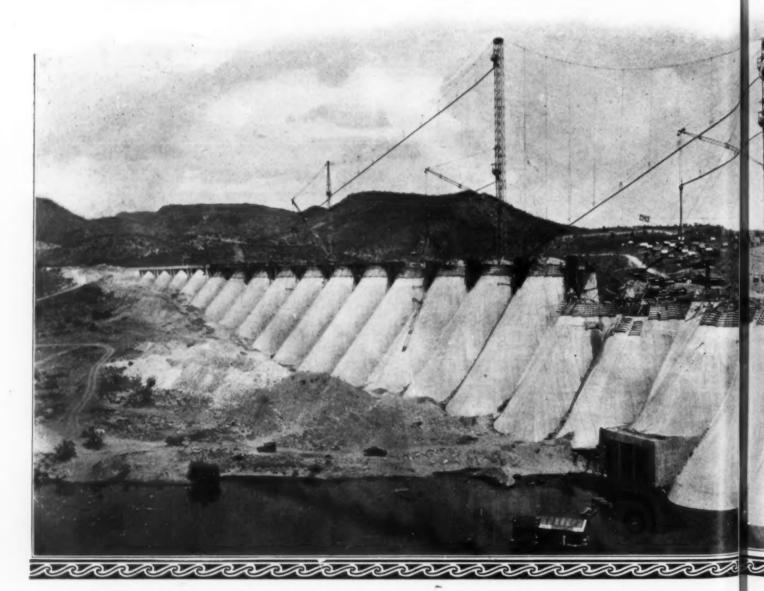
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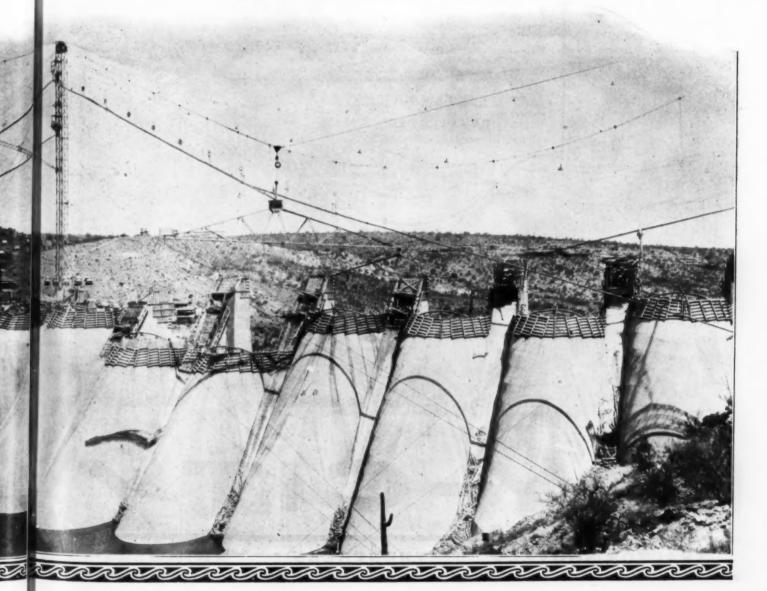
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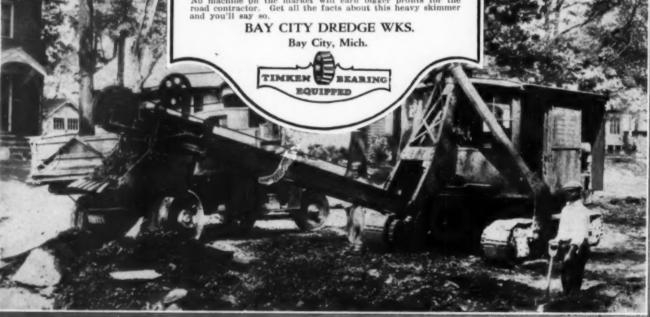
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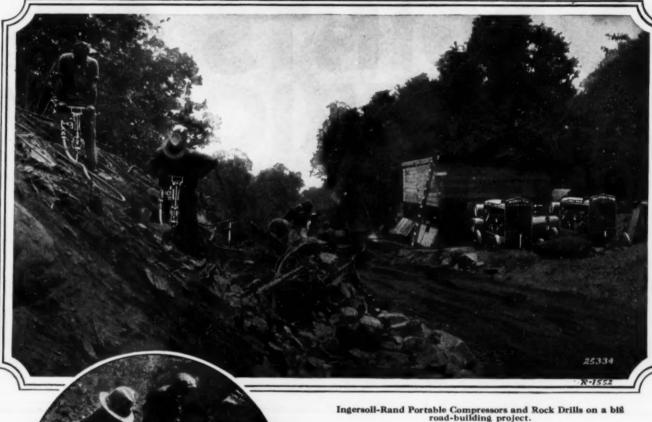




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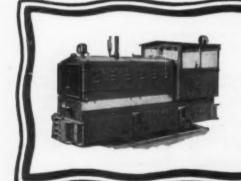
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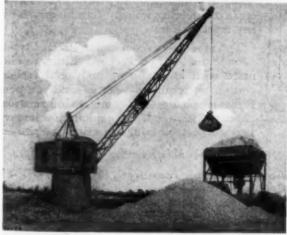
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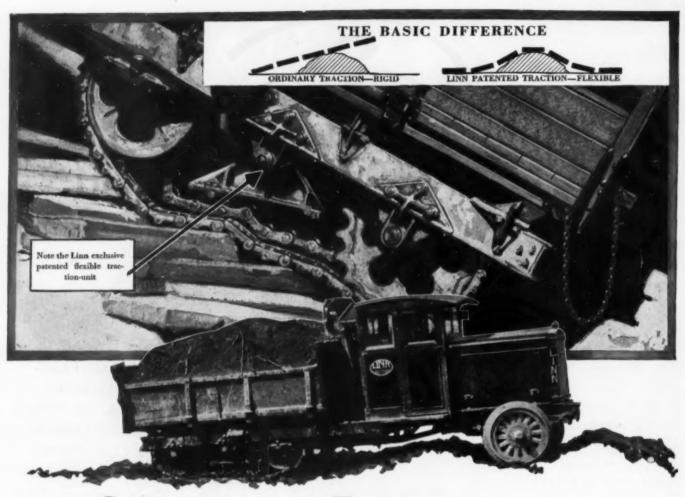
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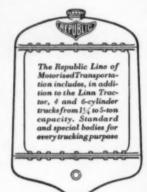


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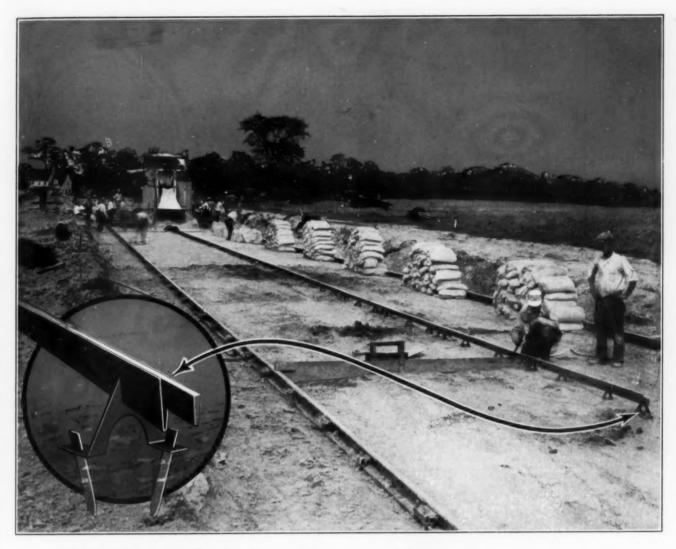
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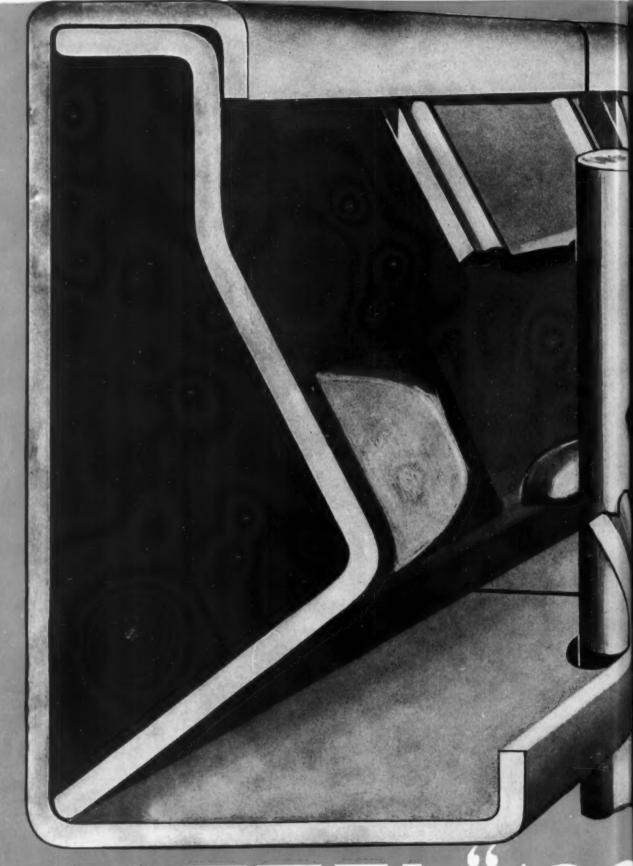
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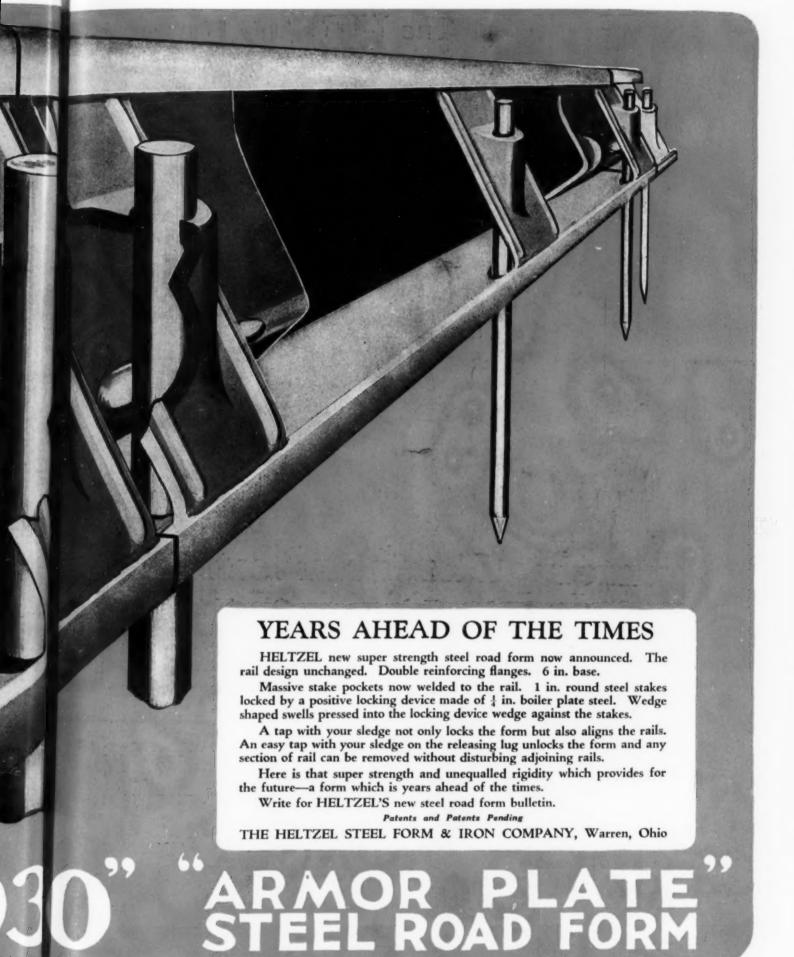
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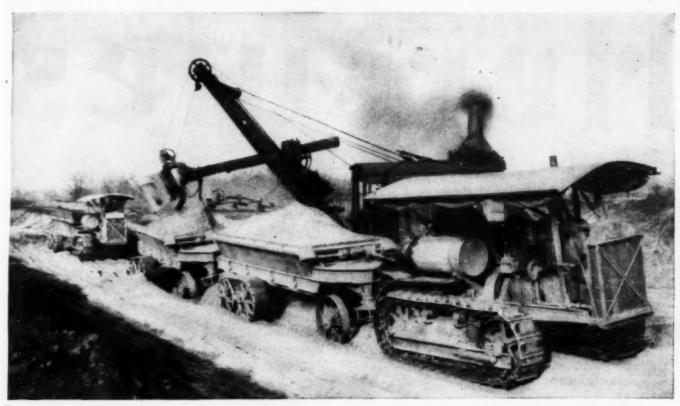
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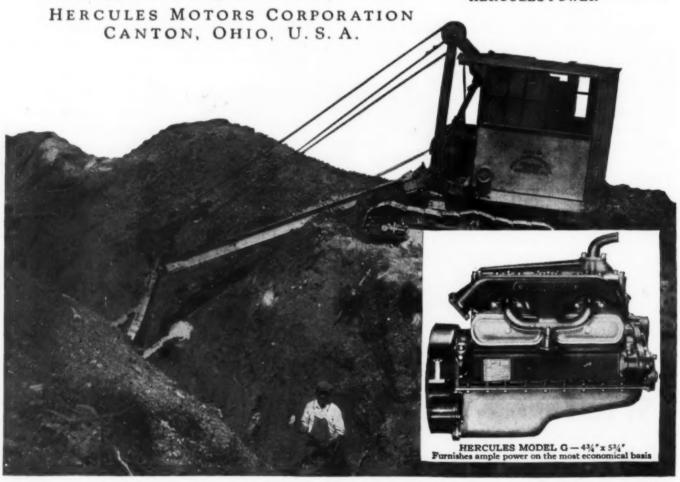
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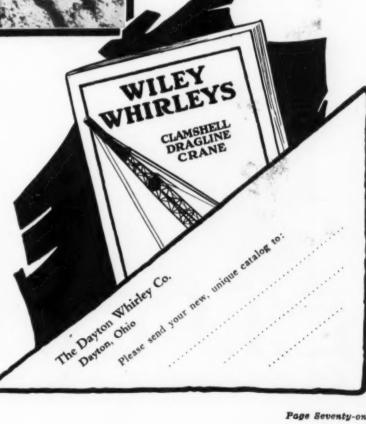
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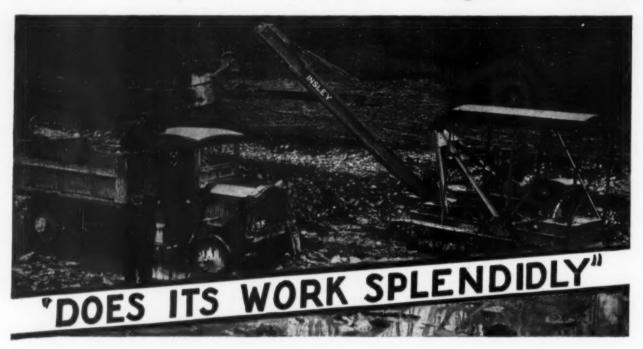
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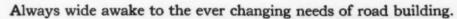
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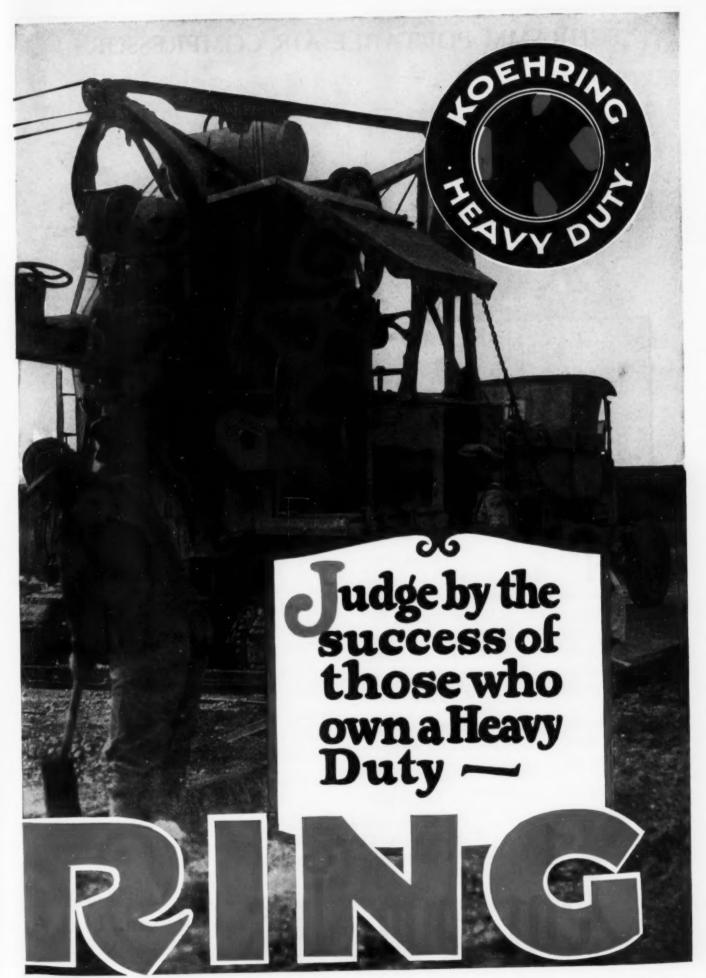
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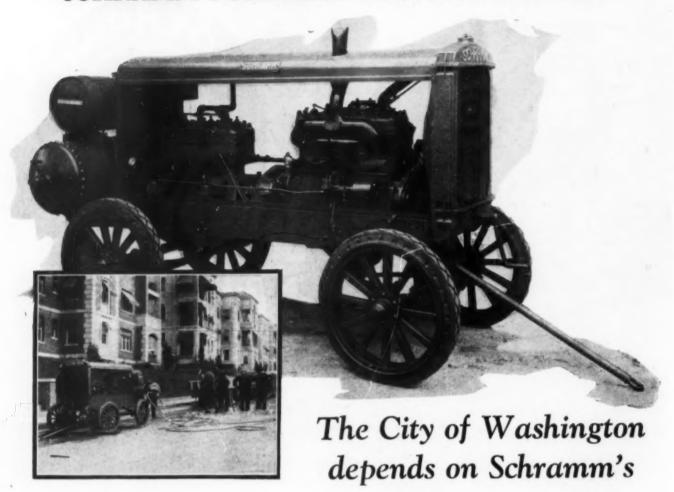
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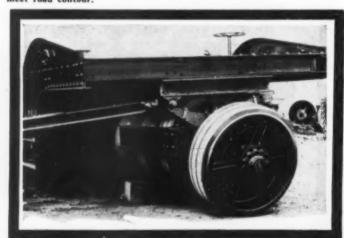
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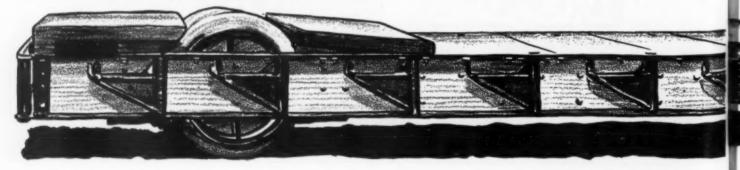
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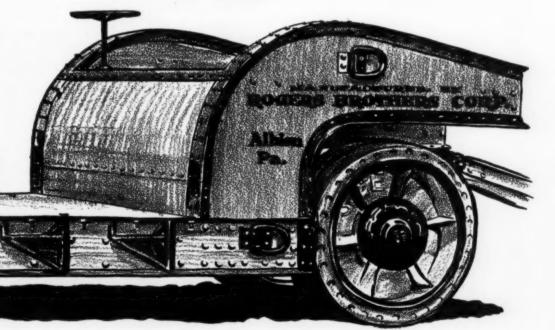
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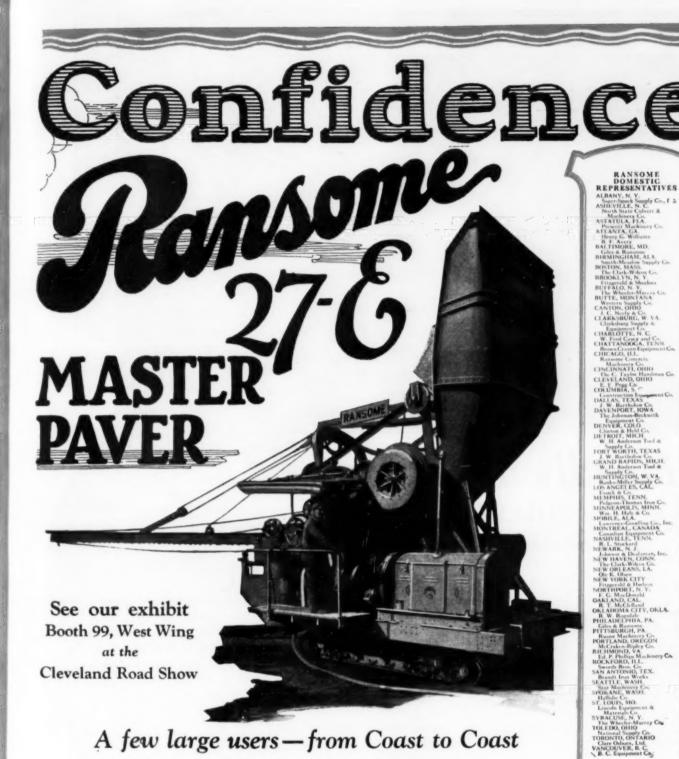
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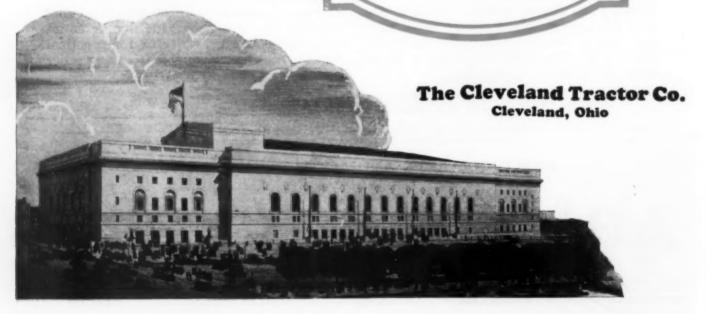
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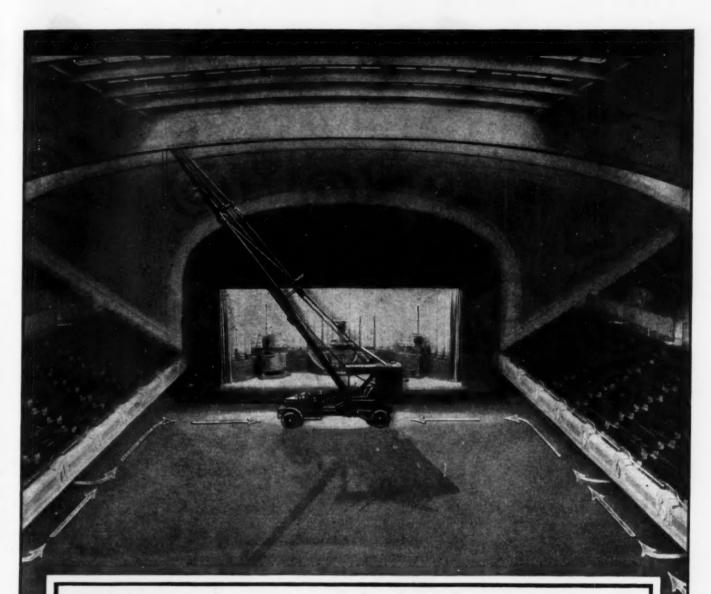
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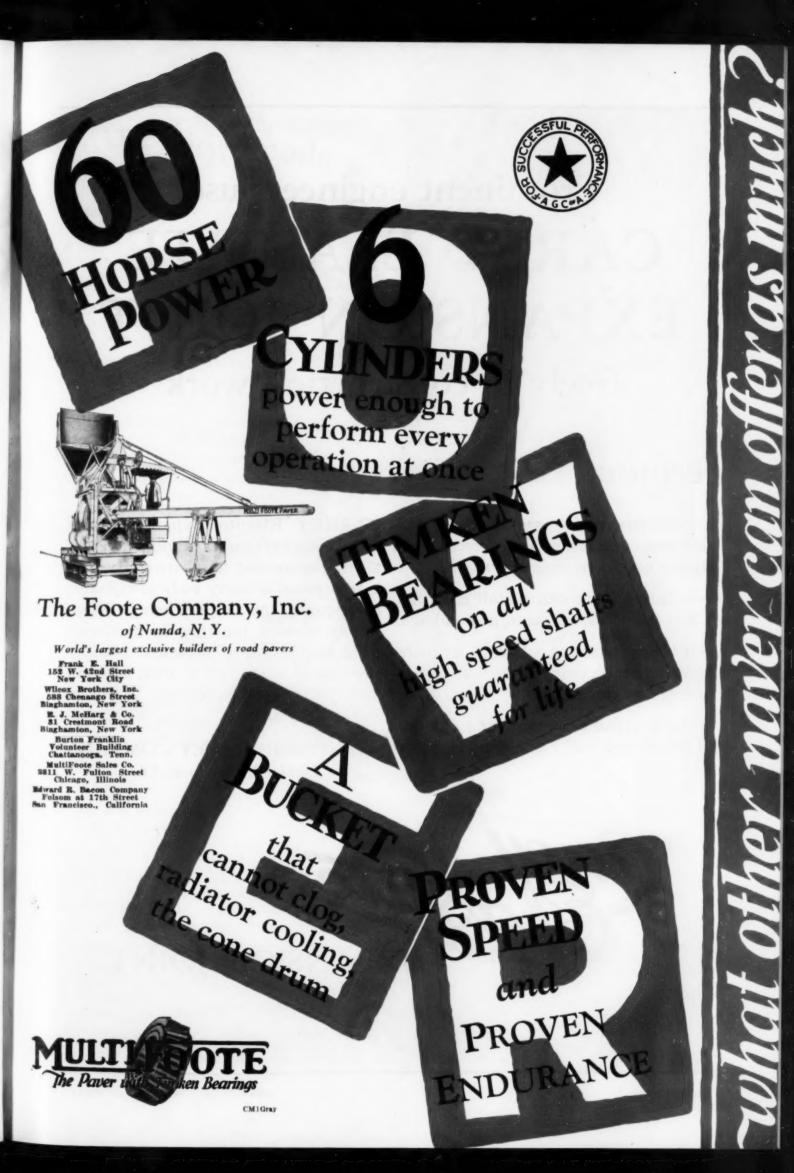
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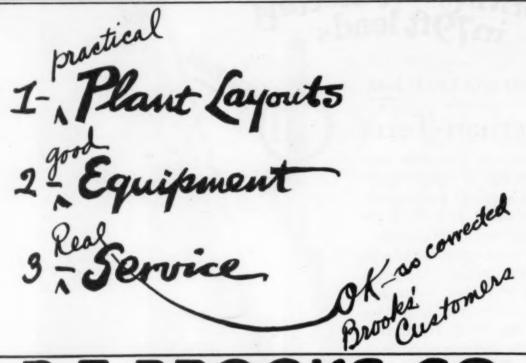
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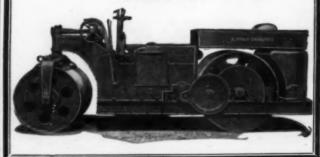
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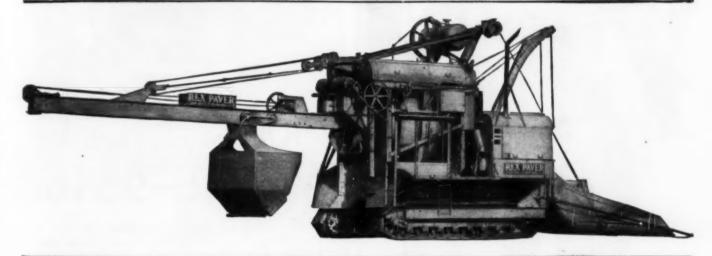
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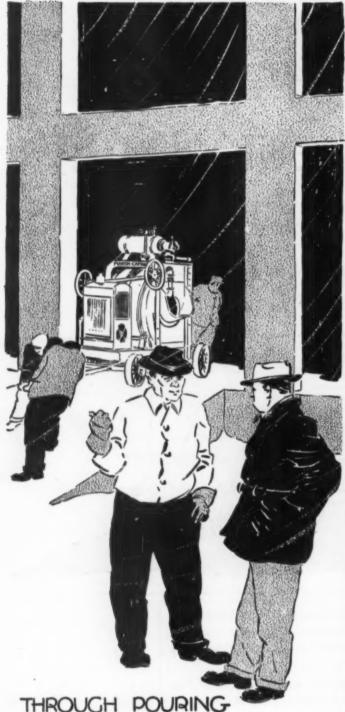
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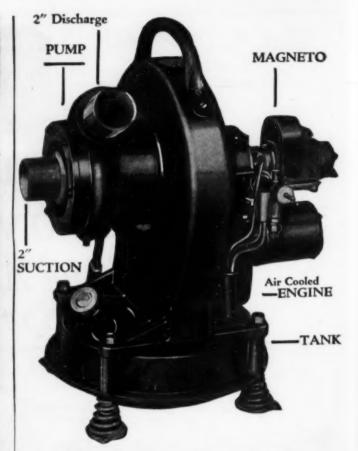


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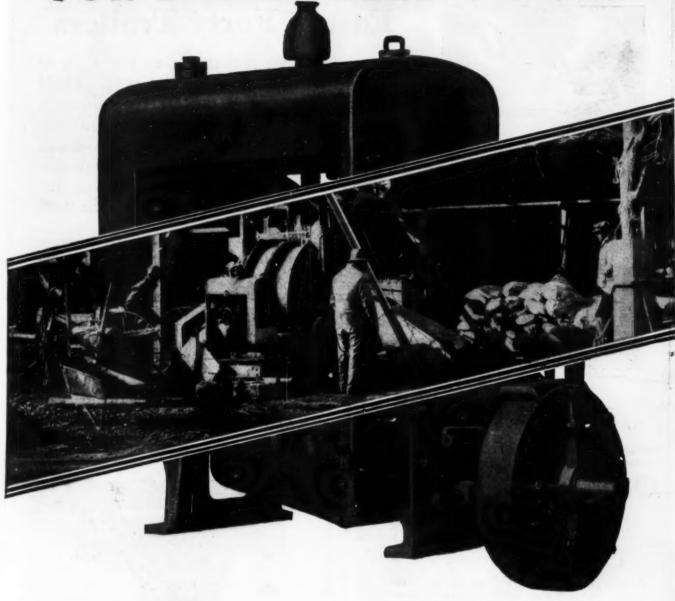
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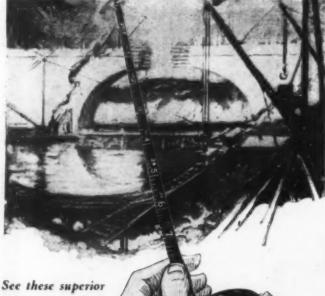
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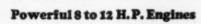


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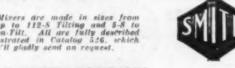
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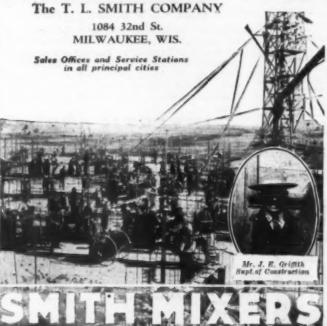
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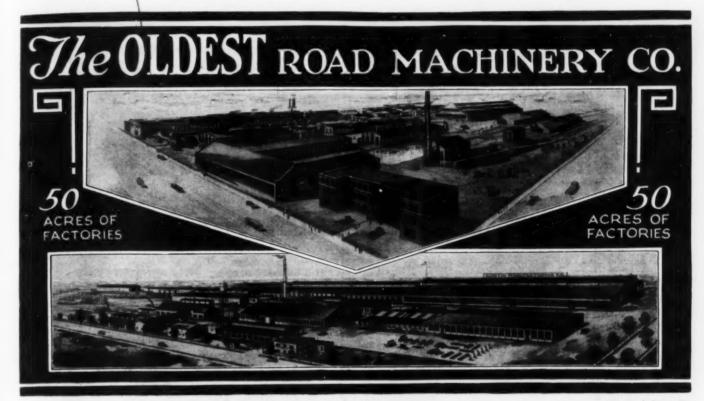
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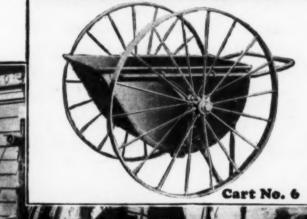
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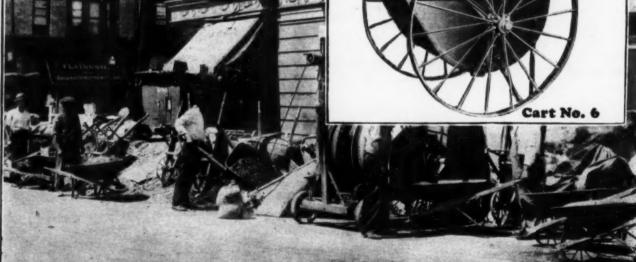
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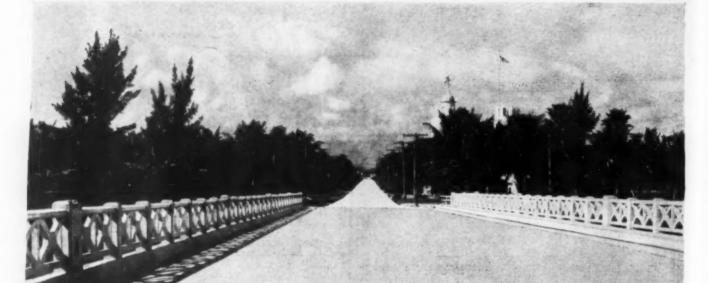






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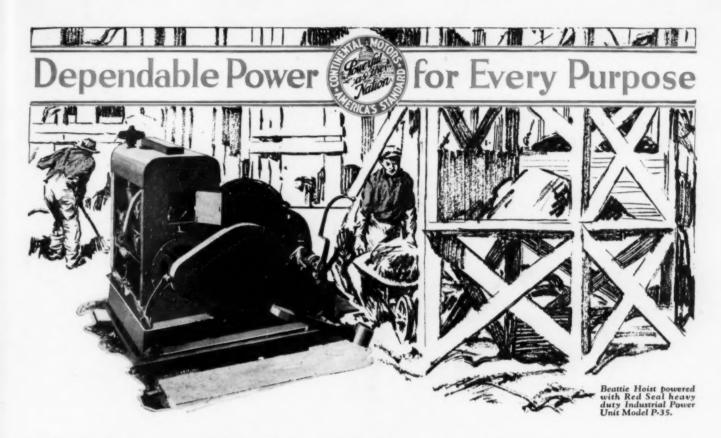
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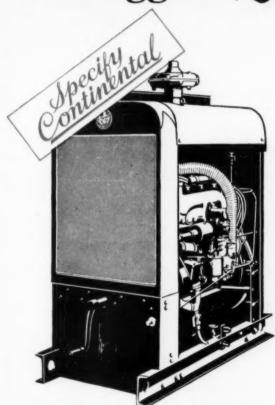
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